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# Thoughts as they go BACK TO SCHOOL



SOME bright September morning, bells will ring out all over this continent of ours and thousands of children will go back to school. And parents in the United States and in Canada, will stand at the door and watch them go. They will see some of them go happily, new books under their arms, looking forward to greeting friends and teachers again and eager to see what a new grade and new courses may have in store. Many will go reluctantly, with a sigh for the carefree joys of summer, and the somehow sad feeling of something—which youth cannot define, but we who are older recognize as life fleeting by, all too fast.

And many are our thoughts as we see the children go. We hope they will be safe—will return to us whole and healthy at three o'clock, as they left us in the morning. We hope those traffic signals which Brothers of ours in the Electrical Workers installed for our children's safety, will always work and that motorists will obey them. We hope that drivers everywhere will be mindful of our children, and remembering their thoughtlessness, will be constantly on the watch.

Then we think about the things our sons and daughters will learn. We hope their teachers will be good and wise and that they will teach them many things that will fit them for a happy, useful life.

And perhaps we even pray a little—that our boys and girls may stay free and happy and grow up in the democracy we and our forebears have created and preserved for them, and perhaps in a world that knows more peace than we have known.

And we rejoice. We rejoice that our children live and learn in nations blessed with freedom—the kind of freedom that Franklin Roosevelt had in mind when he said on January 6, 1941:

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms."

And we remember very well those freedoms: Freedom of speech and expression; freedom for every person to worship God in his own way; freedom from want; and freedom from fear;—and all of these—everywhere in the world.

Yes, many are the thoughts we have as our children start back to school—we hope a little—and pray a little—and rejoice a little. May their days be happy days—"dear old Golden Rule days." May their lives be better than ours and may they pass on an even better life to their children and their children's children.





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Gulfport, Mississippi, lives up to its name in this picture of dockside activity as a cargo of grain is loaded.



A colorful rite from years ago is re-enacted as the Biloxi fishing fleet is blessed in ritual before sailing.

**B**LUE skies, blue waters, white sails, gulls that gleam white in the sunshine, white sand, fishermen in blue denims, their catches flapping silver in the summer sun, pleasure craft and shrimp boats mingling in the harbor! Combine the old and the new—industry and pleasant living and there you have a picture of the Gulf Coast and the southern cities we spotlight here in your JOURNAL this month, Gulfport and Biloxi.

Running along the blue Gulf of Mexico is the world's longest man-made beach, 27 miles long and 300 feet wide, and a new four-lane beach drive joins a number of delightful little towns with such names as Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian. We wish space would permit a story encompassing them all, but it will not, and so we must be content to tell you about just two of them, two which emphasize so well the new and the old, the business and the pleasure, the life and the spirit that was and is, Mississippi. But first let us tell you about the state, the beautiful, proud rebel state that is Mississippi. Her flower is the Magnolia Grandiflora, and no state ever had a more appropriate symbol—dignified and beautiful and yet somehow sensitive and reticent, magnificent when found gracing the gardens of the typical southern mansion, or overhanging the stoop of a Negro's humble cabin.

Mississippi is truly "Deep

## Spotlight on GULFPORT and BILOXI



This beautiful white lighthouse can be seen for miles either by day or at night near the highway at Biloxi.

South." It is bounded on the North by Tennessee, on the East by Alabama, on the South by Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico, on the West by Louisiana and Arkansas. The Mississippi River forms the west boundary. The state is 330 miles long and 180 miles wide. In the Northeast section of the state are the Tennessee River hills which average 650 feet. They slope westward to the Black Prairie, cotton-growing soil. Between the Mississippi and the Yazoo Rivers is the alluvial plain, well known in song and story, the Delta—the best cotton growing region. In the southern portion of the state are forests of long-leaf yellow pine.

Mississippi is one of the nation's largest cotton producers. It used to be practically a one-crop state but in the past 25 years many improvements have been made in the state and much of the land is now given over to pasturage and to soy beans and other crops. Dairy farming has become second to cotton in farm income and much poultry is produced. Agriculture has become diversified, and industry, with particular emphasis on textile mills, is growing all the time.

Mississippi's history is tied in very closely with the history of one of the cities in our story, Biloxi, only the natives pronounce it "B'luxi." De Soto first crossed Mississippi in 1540, but it was not





Left: K. D. Buley and J. M. Porterfield changing a defective cross-arm.

Below: J. H. Griffin, outstanding apprentice in the district last year, picks up receptacles for use on job.



Below: Local 903 officers. First row: G. N. Christovich, president; G. E. Jones, V.P.; J. O. Bilbo, B.M. and F.S.; I. F. Hayes, treasurer; Don Hall, R.S. Second row: K. W. Page, secretary, Executive Board; E. E. Anderson, C. W. Anderson, Jr., L. L. Ward, and C. J. Lyons, E. B. members, with C. W. Anderson, chairman.



Below: Gulfport's small craft harbor is filled with graceful sails and wheeling gulls to present visitors beautiful vistas.



colonized until 1699. The French held it from 1699 to 1763, the English from 1763 to 1779 and the Spaniards controlled it from 1779 to 1798, when the United States took over. With the State of Alabama, it formed the Territory of Mississippi and its settlers fought in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. It was admitted to the union December 10, 1817. In the War Between the States it was the second state to join the Confederacy.

So much for a thumbnail description of the State of Mississippi. Now let us get back to Biloxi and its interesting history.

Biloxi is the third oldest city in the United States and she has a unique claim to fame, seven flags have flown over her, and because we have a lot of Missourians and other readers of our JOURNAL who want to be shown—we list them for you here: The flag of France, of Spain, of England, of the United States, of the Confederacy, of the Magnolia State and the State of Mississippi.

Biloxi was settled in 1699 by Pierre Le Mayne d'Iberville, the Canadian who explored and settled in the name of Louis XIV. In that year it was made the first capital of the French Province of Louisiana, a region which extended all the way to Yellowstone Park. Incidentally, the word "Biloxi" is Indian, meaning "first people."





Ossian Hall, beautiful ante-bellum pillared mansion at Pass Christian, near Gulfport, is typical of Old South.



The Pass Christian home of the late Dorothy Dix, whose name will forevermore mean 'advisor to the lovelorn'.

and the story of these first white people in this city is truly the history of the lower Mississippi River Valley. The early days of Biloxi were marked by a neglect of agricultural pursuits and disease and famine ran rampant. One report has it, "the seum of France, convicts and adventurers of both sexes were shipped as colonists, usually against their will." Many errors were made by France in those early days but she later came to her senses and attempted to make a solid settlement. A bishop was authorized to select "the right kind of girls to become wives and establish homes." He selected poor, but well reared and educated girls, and they were put in the care of nuns and sent to Ship Island, lying in the Gulf near Biloxi. These were the famous "Casket Girls," so called because their entire supply of worldly goods accompanied them in a small chest or casket.

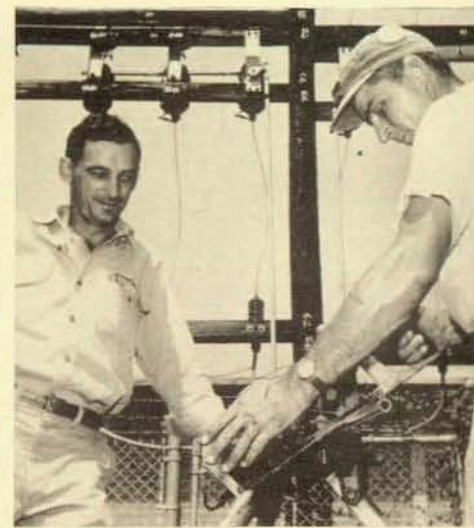
When the seat of government was moved to New Orleans in 1723, Biloxi lost her place in the sun for nearly a century and was shifted back and forth from nation to nation like a trophy in one of the famous races so popular on the Gulf Coast today.

It was about 1840 that Biloxi began to become famous as a beautiful vacation spot.

The War between the States had little effect on the city of Biloxi, an unusual circumstance in a land that suffered so much. However, there are many colorful stories in the annals of Biloxi's history as to



Bro. E. E. Hensley reading blueprints on a new hospital project in Gulfport.



Apprentice instructor N. S. Achee watches S. D. Walker cut conduit.



Crew of L.U. 903 men at work on Keesler Field job. Front: J. O. Bilbo (B.M.), Dan Northrop, C. E. Erwin, J. R. Randolph, Don C. Hall, Jr., W. W. Jones, Eddie Mangin, R. Bass, Nelson Deas, L. L. Ward, G. E. Jones, B. I. Slade. Rear row: M. L. Martin, Joseph Jelusich, Francis Poolson, Elvin Anderson, Bill Hodges, Robert Bowden, E. J. Loving, Sidney Swetman, Noel Cornibe, J. R. Slade, Clois R. Dedeaux, George Claudel, Paul Claudel, A. E. Bagby, A. L. Conovich, foreman. The crew, from Bagby Contracting Co., wired new classrooms.

how Biloxians ran the blockade for food and supplies.

For many years there were no

roads on the beach front and the residents used sailboats and row boats to get about. This depend-





Beauvoir, last home of Jeff Davis, president of the Confederacy, given to him after his release from prison, faces on Jeff Davis Highway near Biloxi.



Above: E. F. Satchfield, meter tester, sorts out equipment to begin his activity for the day.

Far right below: A new line is sagged across Bay St. Louis. On pole is W. T. Vanderford with G. R. Spencer, Paul Russell and Theodore Morel on barge deck.

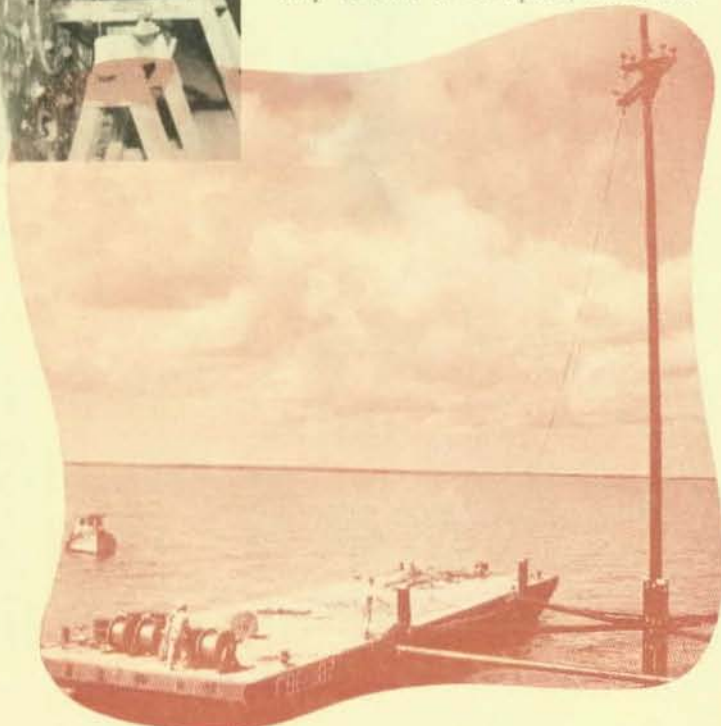
Below: On pole, installing a service entrance conductor, are James Austin (apprentice) and Howard Haynes of L.U. 903.

Below: Robert Bowden and Ray Bass, of L.U. 903, pull cable on job of wiring new Keesler Field air force building.



ence on the water led to the creation of a thriving industry, boat-building and also to the sport of boat racing for which Biloxi is famous. After the Civil War, however, a major civic project became the opening of streets and the paving of them with crushed oyster shells.

It must be stated though, that Biloxi's rapid growth after the War between the States, was the direct result of the development of the seafood packing business. Today Biloxi is the largest shipper of shrimp and oysters in the world. Its seafood industrial section is located along the eastern Back Bay and on the extreme eastern Gulf front. In addition to its shrimp and oyster industry, the commercial catching and shipping of various types of fish and crab meat is another part of Biloxi's seafood industry. Oyster shells are ground into poultry grit. Boat building is quite an industry in itself. None of its thriving commercial aspects conflict with residential or resort sections. It is said that Biloxi as a resort city, makes playing its business. Golf tournaments are well known all over the country. The Biloxi yacht race is one of the most difficult in the nation and the annual regatta in July is rated second only to that of Newport, while the





Lipton Cup series held in September, attracts spectators from all over the South and often from other regions as well.

This old, old city is new and progressive in lots of ways. Its population now exceeds 40,000. There are many interesting places to see in Biloxi and environs and we will tell you something about them as soon as we have reviewed for you the other city under our spotlight this month, Gulfport.

Where Biloxi represents the old, the historical, on the Gulf Coast, Gulfport represents the new. It has a population of approximately 25,000.

It is a planned city with few traditions earlier than the 20th century. Gulfport was incorporated as a city in the year 1898, the culmination of a dream of Captain William H. Hardy who conceived the idea of building a deep water port on the Gulf of Mexico to serve as Mississippi's gateway to world commerce.

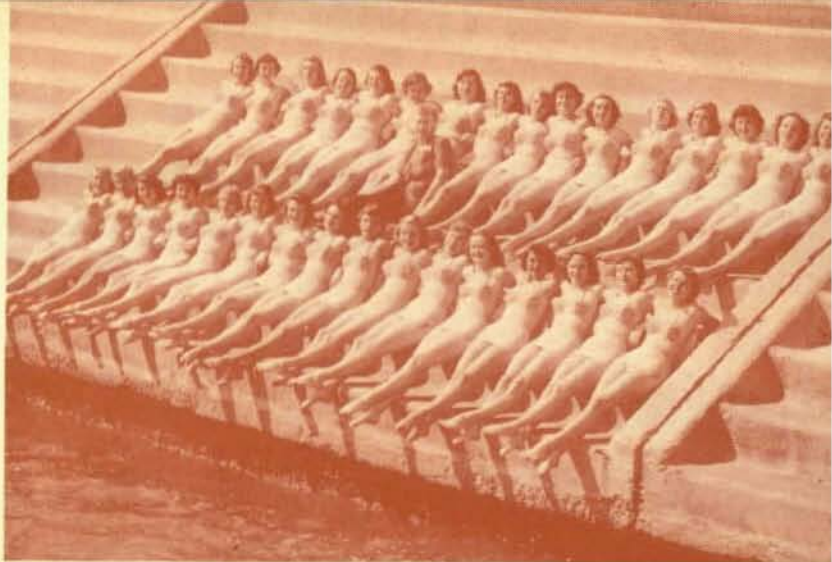
It was Captain Joseph T. Jones, an eastern capitalist who brought the dream to fruition, however, by investing in, and completing the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad. Captain Jones later became known as the "Father of Gulfport."

Like Biloxi, Gulfport is the "Fisherman's Paradise," its bays, bayous and streams abounding in bass, speckled trout, mullet, sheephead and croakers and its deep-sea fishing off outlying is-

lands, providing tarpon, Spanish and King mackerel, blackfish, cavalla, ling and red fish. Each year its Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo attracts fishermen and spectators from every part of our nation.

As we have said, shipping is Gulfport's chief industry and fishing makes up a goodly portion of its economy, but there are numerous manufacturing plants located there, making Gulfport, while not a large industrial center, one of the busiest for its size in the South. A few of the leading plants located in Gulfport are the Gulfport Fertilizer Company, Gulfport Creosoting Company, Gulfport Glass Corporation, Mississippi Aluminum Company, MacSmith Garment Company, United Gas Corporation and many others.

Gulfport is also headquarters



These shapely legs belong to the members of the water ballet team at Gulfport College, Long Beach, Miss., favorite spot for troubleshooters!



H. J. Ladner and R. F. Ferrell remove rubber goods from the 4 KV line they have serviced.



Southeastern Utilities crew of Jackson gathers for day of installing new lines; Dayton Collins, J. T. Jernigan, F. K. Parker, A. W. Moody, Pete Moran, Paul Roberts, Buddy Moran, J. W. York, V. L. Roberts; all from 903.

Officers of L.U. 1211. First row: K. C. Vick, E.B. member; Lloyd Miller, Jr., E. B. member; L. C. Fulmer, vice president; A. E. Malley, recording secretary. Rear row: C. M. Currie, financial secretary; C. B. Gann, board member; M. L. Williamson, president; Sam Tindall, board member; Esco Satchfield, board member. 1211 is utility local.







This old cannon stands guard atop Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island, a historic spot. Island divides Mississippi Sound from Gulf of Mexico.

Below: Bro. O. J. Dennison, employed by Economy Electric Service, installs wiring in the ceiling of the new Sears service shop.

Right: This youngster watching linemen at work tried climbing with aid of an outside belt. An assist was given by H. J. Ladner.



Electrical crew on new \$9 million Bay St. Louis bridge. Front row: E. C. Munch; Cecil Laird, foreman; R. E. Allen, general foreman; L. J. Brooks; Billy J. Robinson; Joe Spencer (605); John Pusateri (981). Top: G. H. Ladner; B. L. Barrett; Charles Terrell; W. D. McDaniel; J. W. Everts; Bruce Howell; W. D. Bass. Bill Howard (130) was absent.



No doubt about it, Mississippi gets hot in summertime so air conditioning is in demand. Here Shelton Dunaway and Ronnie Rose of Main Neon Co. lift a new one-ton unit into place.

for the Mississippi Power Company which is serviced by members of our L.U. 1211 and which we will discuss a little farther on in our article.

Gulfport is very proud of its modern and efficient school system consisting of 10 schools (six white and four colored). While in Gulfport we visited a new modern Negro school under construction where members of our L.U. 903 were putting in the latest wiring and electrical equipment.

In addition to these elementary and high schools there is Gulf Park College, a nationally known junior college for girls and Gulf Coast Military Academy famous throughout the United States as a training school for boys.

Gulfport has many assets of which to boast. In addition to its sun and sand and water, its natural resources and its up-and-coming industry, the city itself has been called "an engineer's dream." As a planned city, it



has order and method. It has wide straight streets and avenues which run at right angles to the streets. It has orderly well-kept parkways.

There are many points of interest which are "musts" for the visitor to the Gulf Coast and more specifically to those who want to "do" Gulfport and Biloxi. All of the sights of interest mentioned here are either in, or a short distance from, the cities we salute this month.



Above: A new sign for a Biloxi restaurant is erected by Eddie Smalls, Tommy Frierson from shop of the Main Neon Sign Co.

Right: At shop of Coastal Neon Co., Joseph Raspilair, Sr., sets up complicated display of tubes.



The main street at Biloxi, Miss., which boosts proudly claim as the third-oldest city in the United States. It is noted for its Mardi Gras.

History lovers and especially those below the Mason-Dixon Line, derive much pleasure from visiting Beauvoir House, the home of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, which has been turned into a shrine to his memory.

Ship Island, words which speak of romance and tragedy and spoils, is a "must" for all visitors to the Gulf Coast. It was here that d' Iberville, who set up the first colony in Mississippi landed. Here the "Casket Girls" were brought.

From this island emanate some of the most fascinating and sorrowful stories in the world.

All cities have their favorite sons. The Gulf Coast claims Dorothy Dix, nationally known writer of "Advice to the Lovelorn," as a native daughter. Her attractive cottage with its accompanying Indian legend of the birds, is a favorite with tourists.

"The Dixie White House," once occupied by Woodrow Wilson is another favorite tourist haunt.

Gulf Park College is a beautiful

spot which no visitor to the area should miss. An object of interest to visitors here, is the giant Friendship Oak—13 feet in diameter and spreading 127 feet across the campus. A winding stairway has been built to a platform high in the tree. It was here that Vachel Lindsay, the famous poet, taught some of his classes.

Ossian Hall is another "must" especially for all who want to view a perfect southern mansion. Facing the Gulf of Mexico it stands like a gleaming Greek palace. It is open all year long to visitors.

A site frequented by naturalists and agriculturists are the Tung Groves. The tung tree is native to China and flourishes near the Yangtze River. The only place where they are found in this country is on the Gulf Coast. The oil from tung nuts is an important ingredient in paint and varnish products. A tung mill near Gulfport extracts this oil.

In Biloxi is located Keesler Air Force Base, the electronics center of the United States Air Force. This is one of the largest military installations in the world and is the largest technical school in the United States. Accompanying this article are pictures of our mem-



bers of L.U. 903 at work on various installations at Keesler Field.

Many persons have enjoyed the poetry of Father Abram Joseph Ryan, the poet-priest of the Confederacy. His home is preserved in Biloxi.

The Biloxi Lighthouse, a picture of which appears with this article, is one of the most beautiful lighthouses in the United States. Gleaming white in the sun, visitors

are reminded that this old lighthouse was the only public building in the entire South to be draped in mourning when President Lincoln was assassinated. It was painted black and remained so for several weeks.

In addition to these and other sights of permanent interest there are special things to see at particular times of the year—like the yacht races and the golf tourna-

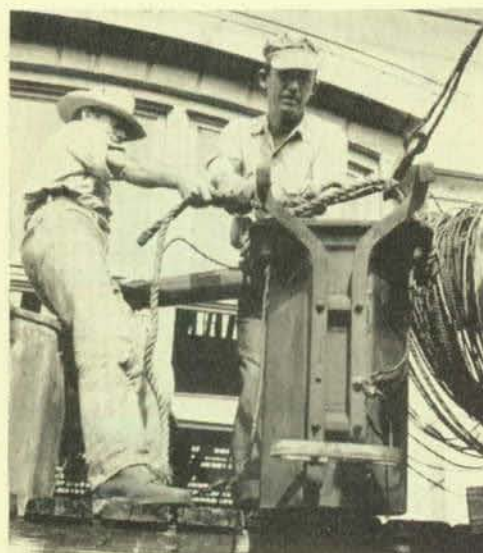
ments and the Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. If you are in Biloxi just before Lent, you will see a Mardi Gras that nearly rivals that of New Orleans. And any visitor who can, should see the colorful "Blessing of the Fleet." It takes place each year on the Sunday before the shrimp boats set sail for the season's haul. Hundreds of shrimping craft from all over the

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IBEW members at Mississippi Power Co. pictured include W. M. Watts, C. B. Gann, R. L. Bass, G. F. Fayard, G. B. Johnson, W. E. Smith, K. D. Buley, R. W. Allen, K. C. Vick, A. Cruthirds, J. W. Seibert, M. L. Williamson, J. Shaw, G. M. Wilder, H. F. Ladner, J. W. Porterfield, E. B. King, L. Miller, J. E. Steube, R. D. Srandner, J. C. Rushing, J. M. Pitts, C. E. Pitts, M. L. Castello, B. R. Burriel, C. E. Boyd, N. E. Rogers, B. L. Moulder, R. F. Ferrell, J. W. Milers, H. J. Ladner, L. L. King, A. E. Malley, R. A. Henderson, J. C. Kennedy, H. G. Wolfe, A. P. Ramsey, B. E. Boleware, Josel Pauwels and P. H. Roberts.



Below: Behind desk, Don Hall passes knockouts to Ed Mangin and A. L. Conovich, L.U. 903, on Keesler job.



R. A. Henderson and B. R. Burriel cautiously lower a transformer onto rear of truck to take it to new power line under construction. Moves of new industries into South has increased demand for electric service.



A Southeastern Utilities Crew sets out for a job. They are Sam Arnold, Earl Havicus, Bill Gillespie, D. H. Collins, R. M. Allen and Vernon H. Jones all of L.U. 903.



**A**TTENDANCE at one of our Southern Progress Meetings is certainly full and sufficient evidence that local unions of the South, at least insofar as our IBEW locals are concerned, are alert and progressive and that organization is going forward and progress is being made in every field of our industry.

Gulfport, Mississippi was the scene of the Fifth District Progress Meeting on July 31, August 1 and 2, with Hotel Markham as headquarters and Locals 903 and 1211 acting as hosts to the meeting.

There were some 200 delegates from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi, the states comprising the Fifth District, in attendance at the meeting.

As has been the custom with all the Progress Meetings this year, the first day's sessions were given over to the problems of and procedures to be followed by, financial secretaries. In the absence of International Secretary J. Scott Milne, who was unable to be present, these sessions were conducted by IBEW Research Director William W. Robbins, who carefully covered all procedures encompassed in the routine circulars and an-

# BANNER MEETING OF FIFTH DISTRICT

President Dan Tracy, speaking at meeting of Fifth District in Gulfport, smiles as camera fan delegate snaps him in action.



The locals from Alabama sent 26 delegates to the Progress Meet of the Fifth District held in Gulfport. For names please turn to page 48.

swered all questions, as well as outlined all services and materials available at the International Office.

The Progress Meeting proper was called to order on Saturday morning by Vice President G. X. Barker, and an opening prayer was offered by International Representative Andrew Hill.

A warm welcome to the city of Gulfport was extended by Mayor R. B. (Billy) Meadows, who said he has been a union member since 1921 and always will be.

The Mayor was followed on the program by Mr. Charles Moseley, Vice President of the NECA, who expressed his willingness to work with the IBEW at any time and urged support for the Pension Fund.

The next speaker on the program was International Executive Council Member C. R. Carle, who was



present at the meeting not only in that capacity but also as President of L.U. 194, Shreveport, Louisiana. Brother Carle gave a stirring address in which he reviewed the history of some of the desperate struggles of organized labor in the early days—the case of the Danbury Hatters for example—and then made a strong plea for unity and good human relations within our own unions today. Brother Carle said, “We spend too

much time fighting each other. If we think we can spend 60 percent of our time and money fighting each other and 40 percent organizing, and make 100 percent progress, we are sadly mistaken. We have got to stick together and work together and do our training to fight mutual enemies if we are going to continue to make progress in the future.”

Brother Carle was followed by Mr. Charles Thurber of the NECA.

He urged all union members to assume a friendly attitude toward the employer. He made a plea to our people to take on small jobs, saying that that is where the money will be in days to come. He urged all union officers to be real leaders, doing what is best for the majority at all times.

International Representative Graham followed Mr. Thurber on the program. He paid tribute to Vice President Barker for the good



The delegates listened carefully to speeches and reports during sessions at Markham Hotel.



On first day W. W. Robbins outlined procedures followed in International Secretary's office.

This entire group was in attendance at the meeting of Financial Secretaries. Names will be found on page 48.





work that has been done in his district to collect the one percent for our Pension fund. The record for the Fifth District is a good one. Mr. Graham outlined the setup of our Pension Plan and explained why it is so important in these days of full employment to enforce collections. "This is a part of your wages," stressed Brother Graham, "and should be in our fund drawing interest where it belongs."

IBEW Director of Research William W. Robbins was next on the



This "38-man" delegation from Florida included five woman delegates. For their names (and the men's too but no addresses) turn to page 48.

Left: Everybody gets acquainted during Progress Meetings. International Representative Howard Durand introduces Dan Stephenson, L.U. 613, of Atlanta, to Oren Tucker, L.U. 1435, Jackson, Miss.

Below: Bro. George B. Muller, 130, New Orleans, related problems he had with Taft-Hartley Law.

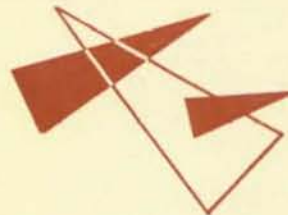


program. He explained the Silver Jubilee Plan for strengthening our Pension Fund and showed by means of illustrated charts where each district stands with regard to its participation in this plan.

Mr. Robbins also spoke of the IBEW as a service organization and explained how the International Union can be of service to all local unions of the Brotherhood.

The balance of the morning's sessions was thrown open for reports of locals and some excellent reports of local progress were made.

An interesting comment was made by Mr. Oren Tucker, business manager of L.U. 1435, Jackson, Mississippi. The members of his local are engaged in manufacturing lamps and Brother Tucker said that they, the company and employees, have had a most successful year. He posed the question why employers of manufacturing members can't be contributors to our pension plan.



Below: The daughters of J. O. Bilbo, L.U. 903, do song and dance number at banquet for delegates.



C. W. Moseley, NECA Vice President, Third District, speaks at the Gulfport Progress Meeting.





The host state, Mississippi, turned up with a whopping 39-member delegation attending the meeting. For identifications see page 48. Below left: Thoughtful faces around a meeting table tell story of interest given to problems. These are telephone local delegates. Below right: Executive Council Members Carl Scholtz and C. R. Carle attended sessions. Here they share entertaining experience.



Mr. George Muller, Jr., business manager of L.U. 130, New Orleans, outlined in detail for the information and protection of other local unions, the sad experience of their members in the Louisiana courts. He warned all fellow unionists to give no anti-union employers a chance to use the T-H law or any other anti-labor law or they would suffer as a result.

Many business managers reported advances in wage scales, apprenticeship programs set up or improved, and new agreements signed.

Brother E. W. Collier, of L.U. 613, Atlanta, Georgia, explained various benefits which have been set up within their local union to help members—a local death benefit of \$750, for example.

At the afternoon session, the

principal speaker was International President D. W. Tracy.

Mr. Tracy spoke on the importance of Progress Meetings and the importance of free speech and the benefits to be derived from Brothers meeting and airing their opinions and problems.

President Tracy frankly reviewed the situation in our country today, which results from the change in Administration. He said we have not yet felt the full effect of the change. However, he



J. O. Bilbo, Business Manager, L.U. 903, local chairman for the meeting, welcomes delegates.

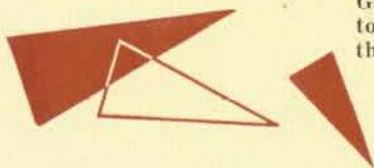
From Louisiana locals came 17 business managers to talk about progress and problems. Their identifications will be found by turning to page 48.







Georgia sent a sizeable delegation to the Gulfport meeting. Names of the delegates are printed on page 48.



fields of Brotherhood interest—our Apprenticeship Plan and the condition of the EWBA fund which is excellent.

Brother Tracy said we had been blessed with work opportunities, and then he warned all locals against a situation which exists in some localities whereby union doors are closed to new members. "We need competent and capable people to supply our employers. We've got to take them in," the International President stressed. "The non-union man has got to be considered if we want to protect our industry and our territory. In some areas a man has worked for years and has not yet been accepted in the local. This is wrong, and I wouldn't be doing my duty if I did not say these things to you," our President said.

"We have a wonderful industry to work in and work for. We have a chance to make it the greatest industry for ourselves and our families. We've got to accept it."

Next Mr. Tracy reviewed the current situation with regard to the AFL and CIO and the "no-raiding pacts" which both organizations are sponsoring. He said he had sincere hopes that the conventions of both Brotherhoods will accept the "no-raiding pacts" and this first step toward unity.

Mr. Tracy reviewed the Brotherhood situation as it exists in all



Above: Vice President G. X. Barker presided at all the sessions during the Fifth District Progress Meeting.

Right: Delegates attending the meet were welcomed to the city by Mayor R. B. Meadows, himself a union man.

Below: The International Officers and Representatives in attendance at the progress meet. Names are on page 48.

segments of our industry. The Radio and TV field is growing rapidly. The utility picture is good. In the telephone field we cannot report much progress. The picture in the manufacturing field is excellent, and the possibilities are unlimited, but there is a big job to be done. President Tracy pointed out that many manufacturing plants are moving into the South and it's everybody's job to get them organized.

President Tracy concluded his address by stating that our membership has now exceeded the 600,000 mark. With complete organization, and he said prospects were tremendous, we would never have to fear vicious anti-labor laws. He urged all to be truly interested

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Registration of delegates preceded start of session for Eleventh District Meeting in Chase Hotel July 17 to 19.



International Secretary J. Scott Milne explained to the delegates the workings of his department, using charts.

## ST. LOUIS HOST TO ELEVENTH DISTRICT



**S**T. LOUIS was the scene of a most successful Progress Meeting on July 17, 18 and 19, when the joint locals of the city played host to some 270 delegates from the five states representing the Eleventh District of the IBEW.

The meetings were held in the ballroom of the Chase Hotel. The sessions of the first day of the Progress Meet were devoted to the procedures to be followed by financial secretaries and to answering any questions which the 125 financial secretaries and assistants present might have concerning their work. The Financial Secretaries' Meeting was opened by International Vice President Jacobs and then turned over to International Secretary J. Scott Milne, who conducted the meeting, assisted by William W. Robbins, Research Director of the Brotherhood. In addition to covering the procedures and regulations governing the work of financial secretaries, Secretary Milne addressed the delegates on the services and materials available at the International Office for all local unions, using a series of large panel charts to illustrate his remarks.

On the morning of July 18, the

first meeting of the Progress Meeting proper was called to order by Ed Redemeier, business manager of Local Union 1 who with Leo Hennessey, financial secretary, served as co-chairman for the meet. Brother Redemeier welcomed the delegates in the name of all the St. Louis locals and then turned the gavel over to Vice President Jacobs.

Vice President Jacobs also extended a warm welcome to all delegates present and then introduced John I. Rollins, president of the Missouri State Federation of

Labor, for a brief address. Mr. Rollins brought to the gathering a message of extreme importance. He stressed the fact that all members of organized labor face a most critical period in their history because of the multiple efforts being made in State legislatures throughout our country to pass vicious anti-labor laws. He reviewed the defeat of the "Right-to-Work" bill in Missouri, and warned all that labor unionists should be vigilant because more and more attempts will be made to wrest away gains made so laboriously through the years.

Mr. Rollins was followed on the program by J. Wesley McAfee, President of the Union Electric Company of Missouri, who is no stranger to the IBEW, having appeared on the program at our International Convention in Miami. Mr. McAfee gave a lively stimulating address. He reviewed for a few minutes his prophecy as to what the economic outlook for the immediate future might be. Mr. McAfee told of some surveys made and he said that a summary of them indicate that business on the whole is good and will continue to be good and that individual busi-





Missouri's large delegation posed for a group picture. Their identification will be found on page 19.

nesses are doing well, *BUT* people are being *talked* into a depression.

Mr. McAfee made some interesting and encouraging remarks along another line when he spoke of the creation of electricity from fissionable materials. It will indeed be a wonderful thing for this country and even more so for the underprivileged countries of the world when atomic energy can be turned to creative instead of destructive pursuits.

Mr. McAfee said that while cost of such process is so high as to be discouraging today, that once steam generators cost 10 times as much as previous methods of producing electricity. He stressed the fact that cost of progress always comes high at first, and that cost of atomic electricity at present is only about two to one and will come down.

Mr. McAfee's most significant statement from the labor point of view was this one:

"I approve of the labor movement. We need some one to prod on the equitable distribution of wealth. I am thankful that union men and employers are approaching problems in good faith. The union men we have dealt with have dealt in good faith."

Mr. McAfee was followed on the program by another friend of the IBEW, Fred J. Oertli, Vice President of the Seventh District of the NECA. Mr. Oertli's topic was the business development program being promoted currently by the

NECA and the part that the IBEW can play in it for the mutual good of both. Mr. Oertli said that the purpose of the contractors in their widespread advertising campaign stems from their desire to assure the public that they are not just trying to extract money from them, but primarily to give service. He urged the cooperation of local union members in this program, stressing the fact that they represent their contractors as well as their local unions. He urged all to practice a good human relations program, and lauded the



Above: Sole delegate from North Dakota was Brother D. D. Keely, Local 1426, Grand Forks, N. Dakota.



Ed Redemeier, B.M. of L.U. 1 and co-chairman of the meeting with Leo Hennessey, F.S. of L.U. 1, welcomes the delegates as the meeting is begun.

Below: S. Dakota's men at the meet were George Bock, 690, and William H. Ashmore, from Local 1250.







In case you doubt there are 98 in this group photo of the Financial Secretaries attending the meeting, feel free to count them. All their names and the local union designations are on page 49.

cooperation of the local unions of the 11th District in this respect.

Mr. C. J. Hervey, vice president of the Lincoln Electric Company and President of the St. Louis Chapter of the NECA, next spoke to the delegates. He was high in his praise of the Eleventh District Vice President and said that he could speak without fear of contradiction that not a city in the United States has better relations—NECA and IBEW—than the City of St. Louis.

The next speaker of the morning program was one who has always been most welcome on any IBEW program, since he is a member of our own Brotherhood, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Department Joseph D. Keenan. Mr. Keenan said that in a changing world we have to stop and take stock and adjust ourselves to new conditions. He reviewed the conditions under which labor worked in World War II and the sacrifices which were made to keep our production on a high level and particularly the part labor played in the making of the atomic bomb.

Mr. Keenan then went on to say that we now suffer a real danger to the cause of organized labor within the labor movement itself. He was referring to the many jurisdictional disputes which are playing havoc with the cause of organized labor and which are enabling non-union contractors to become strong at labor's expense. Mr. Keenan urged all the union members to go home, work out a



Entertainment was not lacking at the Progress Meeting. Here the delegates board world's largest excursion boat for river cruise.



Speakers included (front row) J. I. Rollings, J. Scott Milne, J. Wesley McAfee, Frank W. Jacobs, Fred J. Oertli. Second row: Frank Graham, William W. Robbins, Joseph Keenan, William Damon, Clifford Hervey and George Apel. Titles are in narrative.





The Iowa delegation numbered 39 strong. For their identification and local union affiliation please see page 49.

Below: H. F. Kuklish, I.R., engages in earnest discourse with D. Wallisch and Ted Dunagan during a lull in meet.



A portion of the delegates in attendance at the Financial Secretaries' meeting listen as International Secretary Milne discusses the fiscal policy.

peaceful solutions in their local building trades councils, to try to get along with the other trades and campaign together to get all work done by union labor.

Brother Keenan as former director of Labor's League for Political Education, also made a stirring appeal for funds and support of this political arm of the AFL.

Principal speaker of the morning was International Secretary J. Scott Milne, who brought the fraternal greetings of International President D. W. Tracy and his sincere regrets that he could not be present. Mr. Milne covered a number of important topics in his address. He reviewed the economic situation as he saw it in our country. He reviewed the condition of the Brotherhood Pension Fund and urged support of all locals for the Silver Jubilee Program underway at the present time by

which loans are made to the Pension Fund.

The International Secretary next took up a point which he said was important to the entire Brotherhood. He urged members of the IBEW not to be greedy for overtime—not to forget the long struggle of organized labor to obtain the 40-hour week. He stressed the importance of all working toward greater productivity so that both employers and employees can prosper.

He urged the building of a strong public relations program. He said he would like all members to think so much of their union and what it has accomplished and what it is accomplishing every day, that they will want to tell the world about it. This will win friends to the side of organized labor. He urged cooperation with employers, saying "Walk down the

road together—the road of harmonious relations which leads to prosperity for both."

The first speaker of the afternoon session was International Representative Frank Graham, who spoke on the necessity of local unions enforcing the one percent payroll deduction from electrical contractors—the one percent fund from which payments are made into the Pension Benefit Trust Fund.

Next, Mr. William Damon, National Director of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Electrical Construction Industry, reviewed for all present the apprenticeship situation as it exists in the electrical industry today, and outlined in 19 points, the steps to be taken to strengthen and expand the joint apprenticeship program.

The last speaker of the afternoon





At honoring of 50- and 60-year members. Ed Redemeier, L.U. 1 B.M.; V. P. Jacobs; W. B. Smith (50); Al Fritch (50); Charles Ette (50); Percy Wissinger (60); Dan Creedon (50); Chas. Schmidt (50); Max Kraft (50); I. S. Milne.

was William W. Robbins, Research Director of the IBEW, who outlined the work of his department and explained how it might be of service to all the locals represented.

The balance of the Progress Meeting was given over to the review and discussion of local problems affecting the IBEW members in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota, the states represented in the Eleventh District of the IBEW.

Vice President Jacobs reviewed some of the most serious problems—some serious difficulties with members of the Teamsters' Union, particularly in Kansas City. Andy Harvey, business manager of L.U. 124, Kansas City was called upon to give full details of this situation which he did most adequately.

Vice President Jacobs decried the action of local unions who keep men working for years on permits,



Left: Percy Wissinger, first treasurer of the IBEW, tells of earliest trials, after receiving 60-year pin. Vice President Jacobs alongside.

Right: Delegates such as these show through candid photography how seriously business at Progress Meeting concerns all attending.



Portion of the 500 guests who enjoyed the banquet given delegates and wives by host St. Louis locals.

Staff members of 11th District pose with International Secretary Milne and Vice President Jacobs. In front row are Elmer Kelly, International Secretary Milne, Vice President Jacobs, H. F. Kuklish. In rear are Robert Johnstone, Clement Rush, Robert K. Garrity, Carl Mitchell.





Right: The delegation from Nebraska at the meeting has group photo made. The identifications are printed on page 49.

Below: Vice President Jacobs conducted all sessions of the Progress Meeting.



triet Progress Meeting would be complete without an account of the wonderful hospitality and program of entertainment executed by the local unions of St. Louis—1, 2, 1145, 1217, 1256, 1439, 1455, 1612, 1617 and 1652, for all delegates and their wives in attendance.

Tickets were provided for baseball games between the Browns and the Yankees, for the Municipal Opera, a city tour was conducted and a visit to the zoo; an all day trip on the Mississippi on the largest excursion boat in the world was arranged, and a delightful luncheon was held for the lady visitors. All this was in addition to a number of cocktail parties and buffet suppers, climaxed by a gala banquet held in the Hunt Club Room of the Chase Hotel on Saturday night.

The highlight of this banquet



Andy Harvey, B.M. of L.U. 124, Kansas City, has seriousness of problems revealed in his mien.

was the presentation by International Secretary J. Scott Milne and Vice President Frank Jacobs of 50-year pins and scrolls to six veteran members of the IBEW and one 60-year pin to the former first treasurer of our Brotherhood when it was known as the "National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers."

The 60-year man so honored, was Percy Wissinger, a member of L.U. 1, still working at the trade. After his diamond-studded pin was awarded by Secretary Milne, Brother Wissinger addressed all present. He said he had joined the IBEW more than 60 years ago because he wanted to be a union man, and that through the years there had been plenty of trials and tribulations but that his union membership had been one thing which he had never had cause to regret.

The 50-year honor guests were Brothers W. B. Smith, Charles Ette, Al Fritch and Charles Schmidt, all members of L.U. No. 1, and Max Kraft and Dan Creedon, members of L.U. No. 2.

This honor paid to men who contributed so much to the creation and building of our Brotherhood, was truly a fitting close to a genuinely progressive Progress Meeting.

Time out for a little horseplay during banquet as girls from chorus line 'teach dancing' to few gay delegates.



No horseplay here, though. Delegates at the morning session listen intently as one of them stands to talk.





# A OF STATES

# Quiz



OUR states are the subject of this month's JOURNAL quiz. If you know your states well you should score above 50; if your knowledge is excellent you should score above 75; to rate very superior you should score 85-100.

Each of our states in these United States has its own individual features which help to make it outstanding in its own particular way. And for its characteristics each has been nicknamed. It has come to be that a state can be recognized by a fitting nickname or by its state flower as readily as by its own name.

In the statements below we have given state flowers. Can you fill in the proper state needed to complete each sentence?

1. The pine cone and tassel is the flower of \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ boasts the Sahuaro Cactus.
3. The golden poppy is synonymous with \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ claims the wild rose.
5. The sunflower means \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The orange blossom stands for \_\_\_\_\_
7. The state flower of \_\_\_\_\_ is the black-eyed Susan.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ has the bluebonnet.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both claim the magnolia.
10. The mayflower is the state flower of \_\_\_\_\_

Can you match each nickname listed below with its corresponding state?

11. Cotton state                      Ohio

12. Golden state                      New York
13. Hoosier state                      Pennsylvania
14. Hawkeye state                      Virginia
15. Blue grass state                      West Virginia
16. The Old Dominion                      Kentucky
17. Panhandle state                      Iowa
18. Keystone state                      Indiana
19. Buckeye state                      California
20. Empire state                      Alabama

Indian, Spanish, French, Dutch, and English influences are reflected in the names of our states. If you know the origin of state names you can circle the correct answers below:

21. A fabled island in Spanish romance known as "hot furnace" was the source for the name of one of our western states:  
Arizona                      California                      Nevada
22. One of our middle states received its name from the Indian word for "meadow land":  
Kentucky                      Indiana                      Ohio
23. A northern state was named from the Dutch for "red island":  
New York                      Rhode Island                      Long Island
24. One of our southern states was named for Louis XIV of France:  
Florida                      Georgia                      Louisiana
25. Another southern state was named for a monarch—Charles II of England:  
North Carolina                      Georgia                      Tennessee

(Answers on page 33)



# BON

## Secretary Milne Sails for BTUC

# VOYAGE



Secretary and Mrs. Milne and their son, Scott, Jr., on deck of Queen Elizabeth few minutes before sailing.

Guest of Honor J. Scott Milne receives "bon voyage" wishes from President D. W. Tracy, who was the toastmaster at dinner feting secretary.



A HIGH honor was recently bestowed upon our Brotherhood when our International Secretary J. Scott Milne was selected by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor as a Fraternal Delegate to the British Trades Union Congress at its annual convention on the Isle of Man, beginning September 7. The BTUC represents the largest group of organized workers in the British Isles and for nearly 60 years the British body and the American Federation of Labor have exchanged Fraternal Delegates, until a true spirit of cooperation and Brotherhood has been built up between our two organizations.

Secretary Milne was accompanied on his trip to Europe by his wife and the younger of his two sons, J. Scott Milne, Jr.

Immediately prior to the date of sailing a Bon Voyage dinner was tendered Secretary Milne and his family at the Statler Hotel in Washington, at which International President D. W. Tracy acted as host and toastmaster. The colorful party was attended by close friends and co-workers of Mr. Milne as well as representatives of organized labor, the NECA, utilities and other fields of industry.

Among the guests present were Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin and Mrs. Durkin, A. F. of L. President George Meany, Honorable Archibald Gordon of the British Embassy, and Mr. Ralph Wright of the International Labor Organization.

Since the gathering was an informal one, there were few

speeches. However, some of the honored guests presented a brief message to Secretary Milne, his wife and son.

A. F. of L. President George Meany gave a brief summary of the close relationship which has existed between the American Federation of Labor and the British Trades Union Congress since 1895 when Samuel Gompers was the Fraternal Delegate to their conference. Mr. Meany said he felt that the close cooperation of British and American workers is tremendously important to the whole civilized world. He said that what workers think and do, is bound to have a great influence on the history of the world. Mr. Meany concluded his remarks with the statement:

"The A. F. of L. has always been careful to send the right kind of people to attend these conferences—ones who typify all the American Federation of Labor stands for. I know of no representative ever better qualified to represent the American Labor movement than Scott Milne, and I am proud to have had a part along with other members of the Executive Council in choosing him for this honor."

President Tracy introduced Secretary of Labor Durkin as a close

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President Tracy rises to present a gift to Mrs. Milne as her son looks on. BTUC meet is on Isle of Man.



AFL President George Meany (left) and The Hon. Archie Gordon of British Legation, chat during dinner.



Secretary Milne thanks well wishers for the farewell gift. Informal dinner was held in Washington.



Secretary of Labor Martin P. Durkin paid tribute to Secretary Milne. At his right is Mrs. D. W. Tracy.



Bon Voyage dinner guests bid "Godspeed" with confetti and ticker tape to departing Secretary.



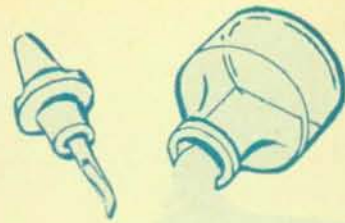
Family portrait made during Bon Voyage dinner shows Mr. and Mrs. Milne with Scott, Jr., and son, Robert, and his wife Francoise.



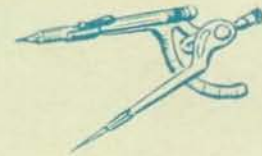
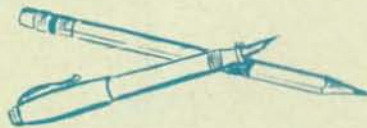
View of head table at the tribute dinner. Distinguished guests from government, labor and management attended to extend best wishes for success to IBEW secretary. Said Labor Secretary Durkin: "Any message which Scott Milne shall have for the British People will be worthy of American labor."







# "DEAR OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS"



**R**EADING and writing and arithmetic this year in the United States will be taught to more than 29 million pupils in public schools all over the nation. And as these students troop back to freshly-painted classrooms with their young curiosity itching to find out who the new teacher will be and if the principal has been changed, or if Susy has cut her pigtails, we become young once more and think of our school days. We think of the pranks and the fun, of the lessons and of being kept in, of the solemn teachers and the happy ones and of all the shimmering dreams that one can have while a droning voice weaves through the still air above the smell of chalk and pencils and oil-polished desk tops.

And our nation has provided well for this dreamy time of youth when intelligence is being developed and character formed in the men and women of tomorrow. For even before the Civil War, the dis-

trict school pushed out westward to the frontiers.

All cut of the same pattern, the schools of 100 years ago were square rough-hewn buildings with chinks and ill-fitting windows to let in the cold blasts of winter while an open hearth or stove in the center warmed those nearest it to a rosy redness. Calico-clothed pupils of all ages and sizes, packed around the walls on uncomfortable benches, parsed their sentences from *McGuffey's Reader* or the *Dilworth Speller* to the tune of a

Besides his many other contributions to the nation, Benjamin Franklin also established the first public school in the United States in 1751.



homespun master's sometimes heavy stick. Grammar, spelling and reading with a little arithmetic and geography completed the range of subjects pursued by the big, bashful farm boys and eager village children in grade schools of a century ago.

There was little professional training required of teachers. Normal schools were set up for this purpose where the prospective master studied little more than the average high school pupil of today, and was expected after graduation to be able to teach all grade school subjects.

Slowly, schools for teachers increased in number and size so that at the beginning of this century there were 154 public and 134 private normal schools. Normal schools have now become teachers colleges and colleges of education have been established in the universities, both state and private.

Teaching now is an honored profession with over 900,000 teachers



(mostly women) in public schools alone. Salaries, of course, have increased with the advance in teacher training, and though not yet in line with salaries of other professions, still are a far cry from by-gone days, when a teacher was boarded from house to house and received only enough money to keep clothes on his back. (In 1951, while the weighted average net income of dentists, doctors, and lawyers was \$10,123, the highest median salary reported for any group of urban classroom teachers was less than \$5,000.)

As teaching methods have changed, so have the courses of study open to the youth of our day. English now holds first place in the curriculum of schools of all levels with informal language lessons taught in elementary grades, and composition, grammar and literature studied in all high schools. Modern languages occupy an important place in education, while history holds a secure place in academic studies. Civics, particularly community civics, social studies, general mathematics, the sciences, general art, music, physical training and health education round out a well-planned course of study in today's schools. Also, vocational training in the manual arts, home economics, business courses and vocational agriculture are available to today's high school student.

While state systems of schools were set up throughout America during the 19th century, schools in the early American colonies

were transplantations of those of Western Europe.

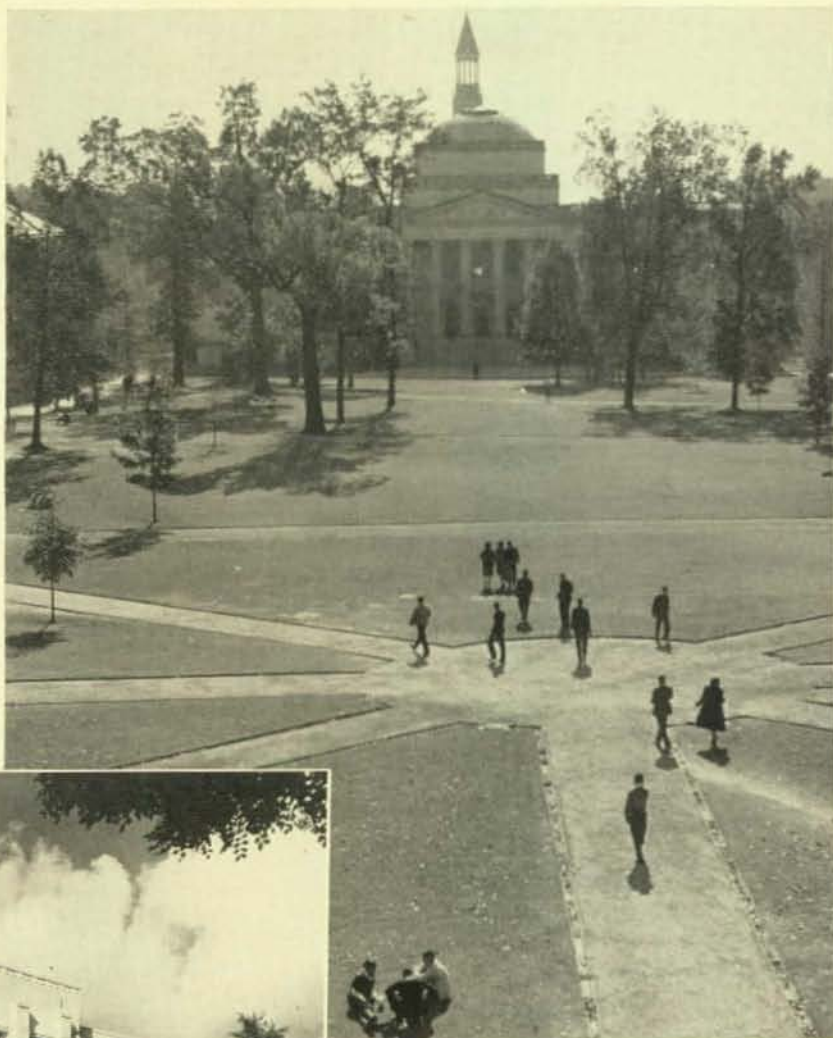
In early colonial days in America most communities had at least a dame school where young children learned to read their primer while the dame plied her knitting needles or worked at the spinning wheel. The famous *New England Primer* published in Boston late in the 17th century is said to have "taught millions to read, and not one to sin." Used widely in the colonies for over 100 years, it illustrated alphabet and rhyme for each letter beginning:

"In Adam's fall  
We sinned all."

Reading and catechism were the

scope of primary education, with the difficult art of writing with quills and homemade ink on rough paper or birch bark, and arithmetic in the form of "casting accounts" often taught only by specially trained masters in separate writing schools.

Tuition was the accepted method for financing schools, and as a result, in many parts of colonial America, only the children of the well-to-do could be educated beyond primary school. Early schools were supported too by gifts from the wealthy, rental from school lands and taxes. Latin grammar schools and universities were controlled in New England by the Puritan church and school masters



America has more college campuses such as one above than any nation in the world.



Many high school buildings such as one at left were built as public works projects.



were required to take an oath of faith before being allowed to teach.

As in European schools of the same century, boys were taught Latin—to read, write and speak it—so that they could qualify for university training.

Most of the teachers were ministers who lived by the letter of the Bible and expected their pupils to do likewise. Discipline was summed up in the admonition, "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

The school day was from seven in the morning to five in the afternoon during the seven warmer months and in the winter the day was from eight to four.

Books in early New England were scarce, with the hornbook being the most familiar to the school child of that day. Older students relied almost entirely on the Bible, although there were a few spelling books such as Cootes', *The English School-Master*—a unique combination of spelling, arithmetic, history, writing lessons, prayer, psalms and a short catechism.

In glancing back, it is seen that all early institutions of learning in this country can be traced to an origin in religion—whether those in New England where the church-state commonwealths established schools to preserve the Puritan faith, in the Dutch Calvinist settlements of New Netherlands where parish schools were set up, or in the Quaker and Swedish Lutheran schools of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. This was true too in Florida, New Mexico and Maryland where Catholic schools were founded, and in Virginia and South Carolina where after the turn of the 18th century,

Great impetus was given education by G.I. Bill of Rights, which financed education of World War II vets. Typical class below is studying agriculture.



Artist's conception of early campus of Harvard University, the nation's oldest institute of higher learning.



Noah Webster, left, contributed basic speller and dictionary to education, and helped found Amherst College.

Booker T. Washington, below, is best-known Negro educator. He made Tuskegee Institute in Alabama famous.

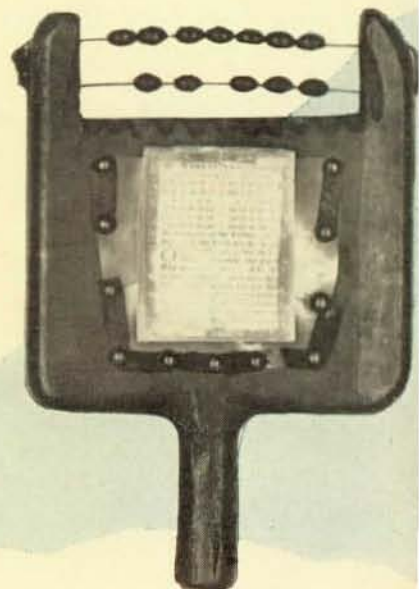


the Church of England operated a system of "free" or pauper schools. Had it not been for this religious motive, education most surely would have suffered.

As with most things in New England, American universities were modeled upon their English parents. The first of these established in America was Harvard University in 1636, for the purpose of preparing ministers for the Congregational Church.

Other private colleges sprang up to educate young men of a young land and each institution has become noted in its own way. The college which graduated Thomas

The horn book, right, got its name because horn of animal was shaved until transparent to serve as the cover for the daily-inserted lesson.





Jefferson, the College of William and Mary, was established as early as 1693. Princeton, another of our earliest universities, numbers among its illustrious graduates, Woodrow Wilson. A century later, 1817-1821, the University of Michigan became the first state college in the United States. And today it boasts the largest school stadium where its football team rolls up mighty victories year after year. The University of Missouri set a precedent by opening the first school of journalism in an American college; while Notre Dame stands out for its powerful foot-



Typical example of early twentieth century, one-room school is shown above. Even today, to the discredit of our educational system, many still exist.

Below is an artist's drawing of "The Dame's School," an early practice through which all children of village studied under "some antiquated dame."



Above are earliest pages of famous New England primer available today. This edition was used around 1728.

ball eleven. The Universities of Chicago and California operate two of the most celebrated observatories in the scientific realm, and Harvard boasts the largest university library to be found anywhere in the world.

So it is that each of our private and state colleges has become famous or endeared to the nation or section of the nation for reasons as varied as the schools themselves. Today there are more than 1,700 institutions of higher learning in the United States. The phenomenal rise to more than 2,000,000 young people in institutions of higher education from 238,000, 40 years ago, and a single pupil in 1636, has never been paralleled in another country.

Returning to colonial times, we see that education which had slowly advanced and spread from the early laws of 1642 in Massachusetts, 1650 in Connecticut and 1671 in the Plymouth Colony, which made it compulsory that all children be taught to "read and understand the principles of religion and the capital laws of this country," was brought to a standstill by the Revolutionary War.

Then, when the new republic was struggling to put the commonwealth on firm bedrock so there would be no possibility of drifting away from the new freedom that had been won, patriots spoke out in favor of advancing education.

Noah Webster, "Schoolmaster to (Continued on page 50)





## *Another Labor Day*

Once more we celebrate another Labor Day. Once more we look back over the long hard road that organized labor has come. Once more we pause and pay tribute to the old timers in our ranks, the ones who paved the way for the conditions we now enjoy. Each Labor Day is a milestone and not one should be passed without a serious thought to the future—the future of organized labor and our future as union members. There are questions each of us should ask ourselves: “Am I doing my share to strengthen the labor movement? Will the labor movement be a little better or stronger because I have been a part of it?”

And Brothers and Sisters, those are questions to which we should be able to give hearty “yes” answers. And if we cannot, then it’s time for a reorganization. We should resolve to be “free riders” no longer.

And while we are talking about Labor Day and a revival of our aims and ambitions as union members, there are a few points which should be discussed here in the editorial columns of our JOURNAL. They are problems which were brought up at recent Progress Meetings. They should be brought to the attention of all our members.

One is the problem of jurisdictional disputes among our own unions and with our Brothers and Sisters in other AFL unions. At our Progress Meeting in St. Louis, our Brother Joe Keenan who is now Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Department brought up a significant point. He said that when he was a young man, when one member of the building trades was in trouble, all stood together. Today jurisdictional disputes are wrecking our working conditions. By fighting among ourselves, we are driving the public to seek the services of non-union contractors. If we are going to keep what we have, what our forebears in the labor movement fought so hard to obtain, and if we are to continue to go forward, we’ve got to learn to live in peace with our Brothers for our mutual salvation. We’ve got to make our Building Trades Councils work, we’ve got to talk things out, make compromises, come to agreements among ourselves, or else—we are going to come out second best with non-union contractors and the anti-union forces which belabor our country today.

Our Executive Council Member C. R. Carle voiced this same appeal in an address which he made to our Progress Meeting in Gulfport, when he said “We spent too much time fighting each other. If we think we can spend 60 percent of our time and money fighting each other and 40 percent organizing, and make 100 percent progress, we are sadly mistaken. We have got to stick together and work together and do our training to fight mutual enemies if we are going to make progress in the future.”

The choice is ours.

There are other problems recently aired at our Progress Meetings which should be considered in a Labor Day editorial. President Tracy touched on one serious point in Gulfport and Vice President Jacobs stressed the same point in St. Louis. We refer to that situation which exists in some localities whereby union doors are closed to new members. Our President stated: “We need competent and capable people to supply our employers. We’ve got to take them in. The non-union man has got to be considered if we want to protect our industry and our territory. The situation which exists in some areas where a man works years and is not accepted in the local, is absolutely wrong and is not to be tolerated, and I would not be doing my duty as an International Officer if I did not condemn this abuse.”

Vice President Jacobs emphasized this same point in talking to his locals and he urged our members to action on another subject which is still another point which we want to drive home in this summary of resolutions we should make for Labor Day. Collective bargaining agreements work both ways and we should be just as careful about fulfilling our part to the letter as we are particular in seeing that the employer lives up to his end of the agreement. This is important, Brothers and Sisters. We in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have a good reputation for living up to our contracts—we have built it through the years. With each succeeding year we should strive to strengthen that reputation and resist with all our strength the efforts of some few “free riders” who may seek to tear it down.

Think on these things, Brothers and Sisters, this Labor Day 1953. Your Brotherhood has recently passed the 600,000 mark. Our prospects for the



future—with complete organization and a true cooperative spirit, one for another and toward our employers as well—are tremendous.

Let's resolve then on this Labor Day which is our day and which marks the beginning of a new year of union effort—to do our best—to get along with each other and with the other trades, to do superior work always, to make union men of non-union workmen, and to build an electrical industry and a Brotherhood so strong, that anti-labor legislation and economic recession and pressures from those who would like to destroy us, will find us unscathed, and on our way to creating a membership of one million skilled, prosperous, Electrical Workers.

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## ***Bastions of Freedom***

When Hitler and Mussolini and Stalin set out to build up their absolute dictatorships, what was the first step they took? They destroyed free labor unions and set up a form of labor union which was a puppet of the state.

What is the strongest single fortress on the Continent against the infiltration of Communism from behind the Iron Curtain? It is the free trade unions of Europe, the ones which we helped to rebuild in Germany and in Italy and France.

Wherever there are signs of hope in Europe, wherever a new world is being built, what is the strongest factor involved? Why the labor union. Let us cite you a few examples picked at random from the current newspapers.

In Greece, 400,000 organized laborers from their own wages and by their own labor, have just completely rebuilt a town destroyed by the Communist guerrillas when they attacked there in 1947.

The little Duchy of Luxembourg through its trade union organization has succeeded in wiping out unemployment, starvation wages, communism and other social sicknesses which have afflicted other countries of Europe since the War.

In Sweden, workers are 99 percent organized into free trade unions, and while their standards of living are not high by our United States standards, they are rising—strikes are few and the population is covered by a broad program of social insurance.

Yes, the labor movement is a builder. It builds and strengthens and rebuilds, what others tear down. It is a bastion of freedom, a bulwark of democracy. We should—all of us—be proud to be a part of it, and work with all our strength to strengthen and preserve it.

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## ***Now Is the Time***

Now is the time for every member of our Brotherhood and every member of organized labor to become interested in politics, in the welfare of the wage

earner of this nation, and in the nation as a whole. A year from now is too late. A year from now we will be practically on the eve of Election Day. Election campaigning begins many months ahead of that. If we are going to elect our friends next year, the friends who will help us and will truly help our country, we've got to start working now. The first step on the agenda is to get your dollar in to Labor's League for Political Education *now*.

The last session of Congress proved it a "Do-Nothing" Congress. Our A.F.L. Executive Council recently criticized it "for having crippled the low-rent public housing program, for killing rent control, for the slashes in the appropriation for the Labor Department, for failure to improve the Taft-Hartley Act, and Social Security."

Some of our people are consoling themselves that it "could have been worse." It could have been, and it can be in the future, if we do not act now. There are many things we must do and we shall discuss them from time to time here on the editorial pages of your JOURNAL, but right now, today, our first "must" is GET THAT DOLLAR IN TO LABOR'S LEAGUE!

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## ***About Unity***

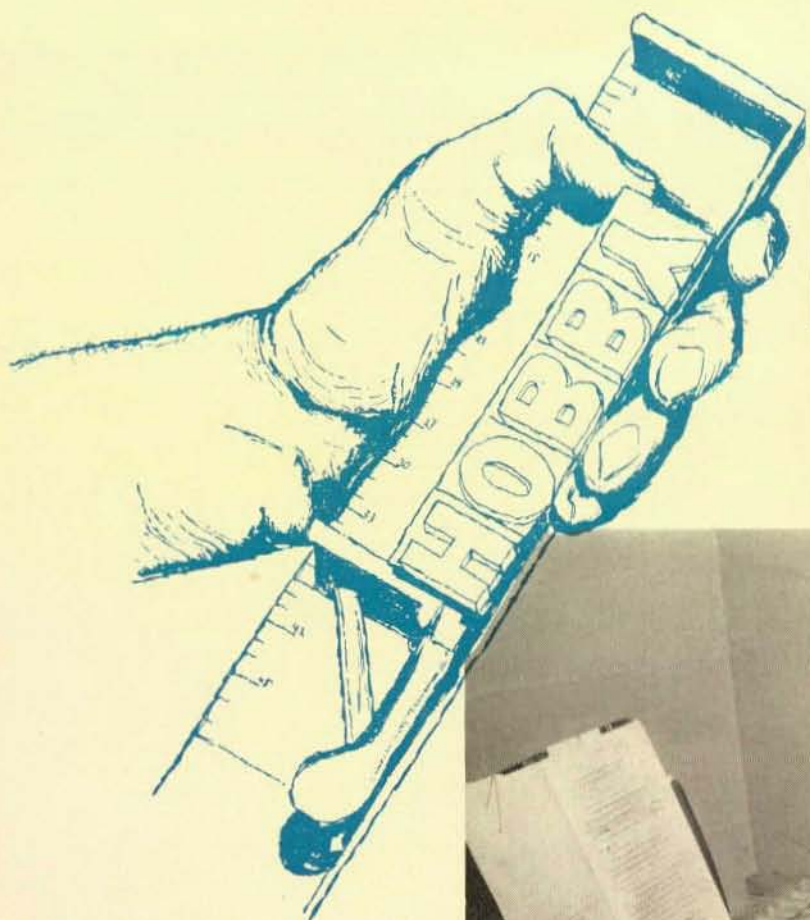
One of the most encouraging signs to hit the labor front in recent years, is the move toward organic unity sponsored by officers of the A. F. of L. and the CIO. For years there has been talk of getting together, of working something out, of trying to get along together, but it has all been—just talk!

But a few short weeks ago, officials of CIO and A. F. of L. met and appointed a unity committee and they backed up their good intentions with concrete action—the first since the split came nearly 20 years ago. That concrete action was formulation of a "no-raiding agreement" subject to ratification by both A. F. of L. and CIO conventions this fall. Ratified and lived up to, this pact will mean that both our organizations can expend their energies and their finances organizing the unorganized, instead of battling those we should be calling "Brother."

Our International President, D. W. Tracy, is a member of the newly formed unity committee. He issued an encouraging statement recently in which he said that "the most pressing need of organized labor today is for organic unity. True, we need to fight Taft-Hartley and vicious state anti-labor legislation, but our greatest need is to get together—A. F. of L. and CIO and Independent Brotherhoods. Nothing could have so much influence on businessmen and corporations and anti-labor forces as a unified labor movement—and the sooner the better."

We bring you President Tracy's thoughts on the matter. We ask you to think about them, and when the time comes, work toward that great goal—organized labor—CIO, A. F. of L. and Independents—re-united—and 20 million strong!





# PRINTING

## is his **HOBBY**

**E**LECTRICAL Workers are very versatile people! The latest subject of our hobby series is an excellent example. Brother Don V. R. Drenner, a member of our Local Union 417, Coffeyville, Kansas, has not only just completed printing and binding a 250-page novel, but he wrote the novel as well! In fact that's how it all started.

Brother Don Drenner is a radio engineer with Station KGGF, Coffeyville, and in spite of his work and his time-consuming hobby, serves his local union as its treasurer. He is a talented writer, having prepared technical articles for various electronics publications for a number of years. And at the other end of the literary scale, Brother Drenner is a poet, and has had his poems published in many of the nation's literary magazines as well as in the "Archives of American Poetry" at Brown University.

While Brother Drenner was stationed in England during World War II, with the United States Office of War Information, he be-



Bro. Don V. R. Drenner of Local Union 418, Coffeyville, Kans., pursues his printing hobby. Here, he sets type "in the stick," the time-honored hand method of composing type. Manuscript of his novel is at back of the case.

gan to write a novel—an experimental novel, a story of wartime England and involving psychological warfare. The book deals with propaganda broadcasting and the work of engineers in their building of studios and their broadcasting of propaganda to Europe.

It took Brother Drenner several years to complete his work and when it was finished he found difficulty in finding a publisher for it, the excuse being, "This novel is too experimental for a publishing house."

And that led to the second phase of Brother Drenner's hobby. He decided to print the book himself. In March 1952 he purchased a California type case of 14-point

Bulmer type, and a five by eight hand press, and all the then unfamiliar tools of the printing trade, and set to work. The "Zauberberg Press" was born.

Learning the "case," how to justify, to space, setting each letter and word tediously by hand, was not easy, but by October, just seven months later, all the pages were printed (enough for 200 copies) and the 250-page book was ready to be sewed and bound.

Enter part three of Brother Drenner's hobby. He settled down to learn bookbinding. A lot of gluing, sewing and hammering ensued.

November 6, 1952, the first finished copy of "The Vault of



Night" was ready for public consumption and an application was made for a copy-right.

Brother Drenner bound 100 copies of his novel and he had sold 80 of them when he sent us the information for this article, at \$5.00 apiece, and the revenue has more than paid for the material



Brother Drenner makes an impression with his tiny hand-operated press.

used in making the book plus the original investment for the printing press and type.

Incidentally the theme of "The Vault of Night," Brother Drenner says, may be expressed in this statement by one of the characters from the novel:

"Our contention may well be with the blood and flesh, but it's also with the blind world rulers. The individual has got to be so important the controllers will hold fear because of him."

At present the "Zauberberg Press" is housed in a corner of the Drenner breakfast room until he completes the building of a separate room over the garage in which to establish his hobby press.

In the meantime, his novel completed, Brother Drenner has joined the National Amateur Press Association and he is hand-setting type and printing some letterheads, and issuing a limited edition on rag paper of a section of "Moby Dick," the great Herman Melville novel.

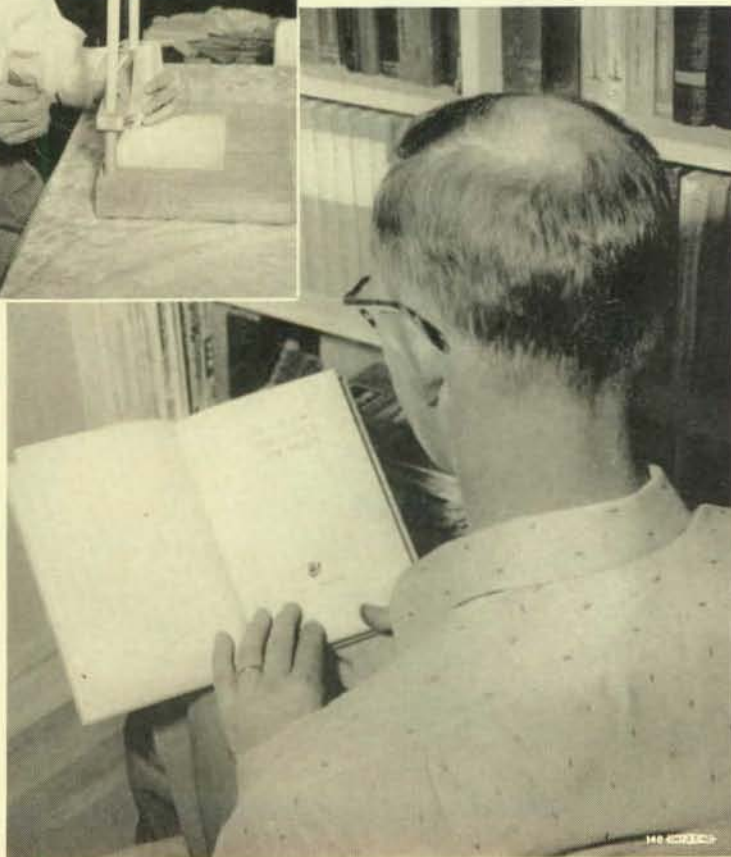


Above, Bro. Drenner is at the "make-up bench," where he arranges his hand-set type in page forms, ready to be "locked" for his hand-operated press.



Left: The hobbyist at the sewing bench. Each signature, after being cut, must be sewed by hand with linen thread. Completed book had 248 pages arranged in 16 signatures.

Below: Bro. Drenner looks over completed copy of his book. He printed 100 copies — every step by hand!





**T**HERE is an old saying, "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine," and somehow it makes us think of the ease of our Local Union 1847, just chartered in New Haven, Connecticut, and the seven-year battle that was waged to get it established there.

### Never Back Away

Sometimes victories are a long time in coming, but the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers does not give up easily, and while we prefer negotiation and arbitration, we never back away from a fight or forget our friends, the people who trust us. And our people, those who have voted to cast their lot with us, don't give up easily either, and that's why we win, even if some times it takes time.

Since 1946 we have been trying to organize the employees of the Accurate Insulated Wire Company of New Haven. In that year we



Officers under whose leadership Local Union 1847 won its hard-fought victory. Left to right: Nathan Green, financial secretary; Dorothy O'Brien, vice president and treasurer; Stephen Chipperello, business manager and president, and Vincent Gidmenelli, recording secretary. Victory took seven years of struggle.

# 7 YEAR VICTORY

## FOR L.U. 1847

lost the NLRB representation election due to intimidation and threats on the part of the employer.

### Familiar Tricks

In 1950 we began again. A substantial majority of employees signed cards and a petition was filed with the Board. Once more the employer started up the old familiar tricks to thwart unionism, fired some employees and began his own campaign to defeat organization. A so-called "labor relations adviser" employed by the company, used every gimmick in the book and some original ones to defeat us. The company was

divided into two companies and an independent union was formed. Men elected to the I.B.E.W. committee to meet with the employer were fired.

The employees after trying vainly to work with the company and iron out difficulties, went on strike in protest of the unfair labor practices of the employer.

The strike lasted six weeks during which time scabs were employed to do the work and the strikers were threatened with the loss of their jobs if they failed to return to work. Finally after many days of cold dawn-to-dawn picketing, the employees voted to discontinue the strike and rely

upon the justice of the law to continue the case. The employer refused to reinstate the majority of the strikers.

Charges were filed with the National Labor Relations Board and endless investigations were made. Finally a hearing which lasted 26 days was held. The Board substantiated and confirmed all the I.B.E.W.'s allegations, and handed down a decision which was a complete victory for our organization. By order of the Board the following orders were effected:

### Bargain Collectively

The employer was forced to bargain collectively with the I.B.E.W.; strikers were to be reinstated; loss of wages suffered by strikers after the strike was ended had to be paid; fired employees had to be reinstated and paid back wages; and the company union had to be dissolved.

Thus after seven long years, justice was done—a new union, L.U. 1847 was born and now operates under a fair contract with the employer.





International Organizer Rogers (left) presents charter to Local President Chipperello. Despite long period of trouble, it is believed good relations will now prevail.

Financial Secretary Green and International Organizer Rogers look over the books of new IBEW Local 1847.



Actually in spite of all the trouble through the years, it is believed that peace and good relations have at last been established.

Company attitude has changed. The "labor expert" who caused so much grief has been replaced by a competent counsel with whom

our members can work, and it is believed that a new era of cooperation and prosperity for employer and employe is in the offing.

## Bon Voyage

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friend of the Electrical Workers and all organized labor. Mr. Durkin also was very gracious in his remarks and said that he was sure that "Any message which Scott Milne will have for the British people will be worthy of American labor."

Honorable Archie Gordon, labor attache of the British Embassy, in his remarks to the gathering, stressed the importance of the exchange of delegates—AFL and BTUC. He said that now is the time for real understanding among working people and understanding is promoted by these conferences.

When the brief speeches were over, President Tracy presented Bon Voyage gifts to Secretary and Mrs. Milne and Scotty. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Mr. Milne expressed the appreciation of himself and his family for the

happiness afforded them by virtue of the Bon Voyage party and thanked all for their good wishes. He said that he would do all in his power to adequately represent American Labor to the British people.

Mr. Milne's colleague at the Congress will be William Lee, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor and a member of the Teamsters Union. In their ad-

resses to the Congress, Mr. Lee will speak on the affairs of American Labor nationally, while Mr. Milne's topic will embrace the A. F. of L. in its relation to international affairs and the world picture.

In a later issue of our JOURNAL we will carry Mr. Milne's first hand report of his trip to Europe and the meeting of the British Trades Union Congress.

## Answers to Quiz—Page 21

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| 1. Maine                     | 13. Indiana        |
| 2. Arizona                   | 14. Iowa           |
| 3. California                | 15. Kentucky       |
| 4. Iowa                      | 16. Virginia       |
| 5. Kansas                    | 17. West Virginia  |
| 6. Florida                   | 18. Pennsylvania   |
| 7. Maryland                  | 19. Ohio           |
| 8. Texas                     | 20. New York       |
| 9. Louisiana and Mississippi | 21. California     |
| 10. Massachusetts            | 22. Kentucky       |
| 11. Alabama                  | 23. Rhode Island   |
| 12. California               | 24. Louisiana      |
|                              | 25. North Carolina |



# With the Ladies



## Back to School

ONCE more summer is about over and the children start back to school. You moms with teen-age sons and daughters, try to get them back to school if you possibly can. Last year, a third of the nation's 16- and 17-year-olds, 20 percent more than in 1951, failed to return to school after summer jobs. Secretary of Labor Durkin recently issued an appeal to teen-agers not to leave school but to give up their summer jobs and go back to school this fall. You might tell your youngsters, about a point which Mr. Durkin made in his appeal. He said that the United States Census figures show that every year of schooling increases adult income. In 1949, he said, men high school graduates over 25, averaged \$752 more per year than 8th grade graduates, and women \$675 more.

Mr. Durkin made a direct appeal to parents too, when he said:

"Going to high school involves expense, but parents should not be misled by short-time opportunities for teen-age jobs. They should think of the long haul and give their children the opportunity that education affords."

### Help Them On Road of Life

So ladies, I pass this appeal on to you. Help your children to get all the education they can. If they want to go on to college, try to help them there, too. Remember that money, property, good looks all can pass from them—a good education never—and if hard times come along, the young men and women with the most knowledge and training are going to have, and keep, the best jobs



Now while we're on the topic of our teen-age sons and daughters, what about all the juvenile delinquency we hear about and read about today? Well, I don't believe today's youth is one whit less responsible or more delinquent than the children of any other age. However, the better the home life, the better the example set by the parents, and the more pleasant a home is, in most cases the boys and girls will be better and turn out better citizens.



We can't stress too much on this page, encouraging your boys and girls to bring their friends home. Make them welcome. Be proud if your home is one in which young people want to gather. You need not have a beautiful or elaborate home to make it a popular gathering place. I remember when I was a teen-ager, the home we liked to go to most was perhaps the poorest. But we all used to sit around the oil-clothed kitchen table and play games and the mother used to make us cinnamon toast and tea because there wasn't money for cokes and potato chips, and nothing has ever tasted so good since.

So mothers, encourage your boys and girls to bring their friends home. Plan simple refreshments for them. Play games with them some times—card games are always fun and the new game "Scrabble" is most interesting. If your basement can be fixed up with a victrola for dancing, wonderful—because today's teen-agers love to dance and when they are having fun with their friends in their own homes, dangers of improper hang-outs are very far away.

So much for your older children. Now about the little ones. Perhaps you have a little six-year old just starting to school, and perhaps he is reluctant to go. There are ways and means of making his going more pleasant for him.

A few days before school is to begin, take him to the school and tell him in a happy, confident voice that that is his school where he will be going soon like the big boys and girls. Buy him a supply of pencils and crayons, a tablet, and perhaps a little book bag. He will be pleased with his equipment. Then on the first day of school, take him and see that he gets to the proper room and then leave quickly. Let the teacher take over and don't give your youngster time to feel badly about being left alone. When you go for him in the afternoon, or he comes home himself, show him how happy you are to see him and to listen to all the joys and sorrows of the day.

### Coming Home

This last step is terribly important I think, for the mother of any school children to follow. One of the nicest parts of any little child's day or big child's either, for that matter, is coming home to a mom that is glad to see him, and is eager to "hear all about everything." Every child should feel that his mother is anxious to share his trials and tribulations and rejoice in his good fortune. He should feel that no matter what happens to him his mother will understand and will help him.

And speaking of helping, there are





many children who do not get along well in school for one reason or another and need special help at home. Often with large classes, the teachers find it impossible to give special attention to children who perhaps do not grasp their group instruction readily. Many a child is handicapped through many years of his education because he didn't understand something at the beginning and was perhaps too shy to ask or the teacher was too busy to explain more than once. And there again, is where you, his mother comes in. Of course you're tired after a busy day, but take a little time to help the children with their homework and be as patient as you can. You want them to get good grades and get along well, of course—all mothers do—but sometimes your children's success rests directly on the help which you do or do not give. Studies made in our schools, prove conclusively, that the children who receive some help from their parents with their schoolwork, are the ones who get the best grades—so hop to it Moms!

#### Food Is Important

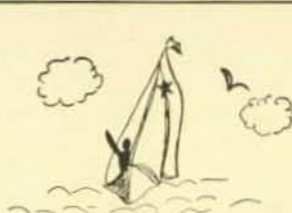
We could go on and on because this is one of my favorite topics, but space will not permit. However, just a note about after-school snacks. Another important part of coming home, after mom's welcome, is the satiating of the healthy young appetite, so be sure that eager "Got anything to eat Mom?" meets an affirmative response. Apples, oranges, bananas, carrot strips, celery, crackers and peanut butter, bread and butter and sugar, or jelly, cookies, potato chips, sugar coated cereal, cheese crackers, popcorn—are all wholesome "filler uppers" so be sure to have a supply on hand. Nutrition experts say mid-morning and afternoon snacks are good for everyone so don't be afraid of spoiling appetites—just "pass the ammunition."

Remember if you have any problems at any time that you think I might help with, be sure to let me know—I'll be happy to try. So long! See you next month.

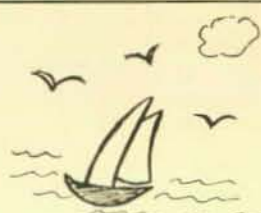
#### Thought For the Month

"I heard a voice at evening softly say:  
'Bear not thy yesterday into tomorrow,  
Nor load this week with last weeks  
load of sorrow.  
Lift all thy burdens as they come,  
nor try  
To weigh the present with the  
by-and-by.  
One step and then another, take  
thy way—  
Live day by day.'"

*Author unknown.*



## Gulf Coast Recipes



This month in our "Spotlight on a City" series, we took our readers on a trip to Gulfport and Biloxi on the Gulf Coast. While there we gathered some fine Southern recipes to pass on to you.

There is a famous restaurant, Gus Stevens, which serves a fish dish which is "out of this world." We persuaded Mr. Stevens to give us his recipe.

#### STUFFED FLOUNDER ALA STEVENS

Two pound flounder for two servings or one pound flounder for one serving. Scale and gill and wash thoroughly in cold water. Split lengthwise in the center, take bone out.

#### CRABMEAT DRESSING

Braise one cup of onion, one tablespoon of chopped green pepper, one tablespoon of chopped celery and a little parsley. One cup of bread crumbs and one-half cup of crushed crackers. Add one-half pound of lump crabmeat, a little salt and pepper, simmer for fifteen minutes, then place the dressing in the flounder. Close the dressing in with toothpicks. Place in the oven or overhead broiler for fifteen minutes for small flounder or twenty minutes for large flounder. Then serve it with a hot lemon butter sauce.

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Mrs. J. O. Bilbo, wife of the business manager of L.U. 903, has given us recipes for a famous creole dish.

#### SHRIMP JAMBALAYA

(From recipe 200 years old)

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| 1/2 cup cooking oil     | 2 cloves of garlic, minced |
| 1 cup chopped salt pork | 2 bay leaves               |
| 3 onions, chopped fine  | 1 sprig of thyme           |
| 1 can tomato sauce      | 1 teaspoon celery salt     |
| 3 cups hot water        | Salt and pepper to taste   |
| 1 teaspoon Chili powder | 1 cup rice, washed         |
| 12 large shrimp         |                            |

Fry the chopped salt pork in the oil; add the onions and fry but do not allow to burn; add tomato sauce, then boiling water and never allow to stop boiling. Add Chili powder, minced garlic and remaining seasoning. Cook slowly about 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Add one cup of rice to sauce and cook slowly until rice is done. Next add 1 dozen large shrimp and simmer until the shrimp turn pink. Serve.

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Mrs. Earl Hensley whose husband is also a member of L.U. 903 passed on to us these Southern favorites:

#### PECAN PIE

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| Pastry, 1/2 recipe    | 1/4 teaspoon salt    |
| 2 eggs, beaten        | 2 tablespoons butter |
| 1/2 cup sugar         | 1 teaspoon vanilla   |
| 1 1/2 cups dark syrup | 1 cup pecans         |

Line pie plate with pastry. Mix ingredients together, adding pecans last. Pour mixture into pastry shell and bake in hot oven (400°F) for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate oven (350°F) until knife comes out clean when inserted.

#### CORNBREAD DRESSING

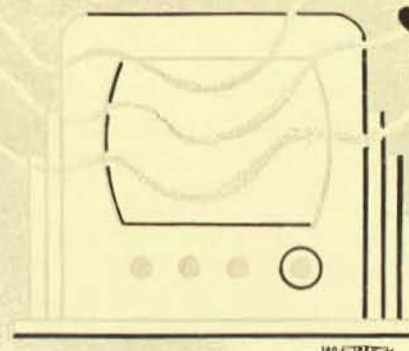
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| 6 cups cornbread crumbs        | 1 chopped boiled egg    |
| 1/4 cup chopped onion          | 1 raw egg               |
| 1/8 cup chopped celery         | 1/2 cup chopped oysters |
| 1/8 cup chopped green pepper   | 1/4 cup chopped walnuts |
| 1 bay leaf                     | 1 teaspoon salt         |
| 1/4 teaspoon sage              | 1/4 teaspoon pepper     |
| 1/4 teaspoon thyme             | 1 teaspoon parsley      |
| 1/4 cup margarine or bacon fat |                         |

Melt margarine or fat in skillet, add onion, celery, green pepper, parsley and bay leaf, saute until tender. Add to remaining ingredients, moisten with broth. Stuff into turkey which should be partly cooked ahead.





# RADIO and T.V. PROGRESS MEETING



**D**ELEGATES from 25 states and the District of Columbia representing 36 locals, gathered at the Bellerive Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, June 18-20 for the Radio, TV and Recording Division Progress Meeting for intensive discussion of problems encountered in the expanding industry, to report local progress and to set policy for future work.

Members were welcomed by President Barron of Local Union 1259. Then A. O. Hardy, chairman, called the meeting to order, and introduced the Representatives of the International Office in attendance. At this first session general informational material as well as the recently developed tape recording label distributed.

## Research Report

At the afternoon meeting, Director of Research W. W. Robbins gave a talk on the work of his department in furnishing information for negotiations, and also gave a comprehensive talk on the IBEW pension program.

Frank Jacobs, Vice President of the 11th District, in summarizing progress in his area during the last year and giving the outlook for the future, said that the IBEW is the best union for radio and TV



A dinner held June 19 during the Radio and T.V. Progress Meeting was attended by some 60 delegates, their wives and several guests.

because of help from inside and outside locals. He expressed his personal pleasure in having the meeting in his District and extended an invitation to all to visit St. Louis and his office there.

Sessions the second day were led by Brother Louis Sherman, IBEW General Counsel, who conducted discussions on legal matters, especially the Taft-Hartley law and cases arising from it and the action of the Federal Communications Commission with regard to operator rule relaxation and particular wording of agreements.

That evening, 60 delegates, their wives and guests enjoyed a spe-

cial dinner at which no speeches were allowed so that delegates could have an opportunity to compare personal notes. Throughout the three-day session, no evening meetings were scheduled, thus giving delegates added time to confer with one another and relate their own experiences in the radio field.

## Relaxation Bill

International Representative Hardy requested local unions to make a report on the questionnaire sent out regarding the Relaxation Bill. He stressed the importance of knowing: how many stations



are using remote control, the age of transmitters, what stations are on the conelrad program, and other pertinent information on the questionnaire.

The reports made by delegates at the Radio-TV Meet showed marked progress for the past year in spite of Taft-Hartley and the F. C. C. ruling. Gains had been made in organization and stations under agreement, and wages were up all along the line.

#### School a Success

L.U. 349, Miami, Florida, reported that they had started a TV school with great success. L.U. 1212, New York, reported that a fact-finding board had been set up with AFTRA and that it is work-

ing. L.U. 49, Portland, Oregon, and L.U. 1264, Mobile, Alabama, reported difficulties encountered by organized labor in their states because of anti-labor legislation. Brother H. Walter Thompson, Local Union 1220 made a brief report of a meeting called by the International Office and held in Los Angeles in February for the purpose of securing information on the status of the television industry with particular emphasis on film operation as opposed to "live" television programming.

Space will not permit a discussion of the many topics of interest brought out by the delegates in making their reports.

During the course of the meeting Chairman Hardy was assisted from

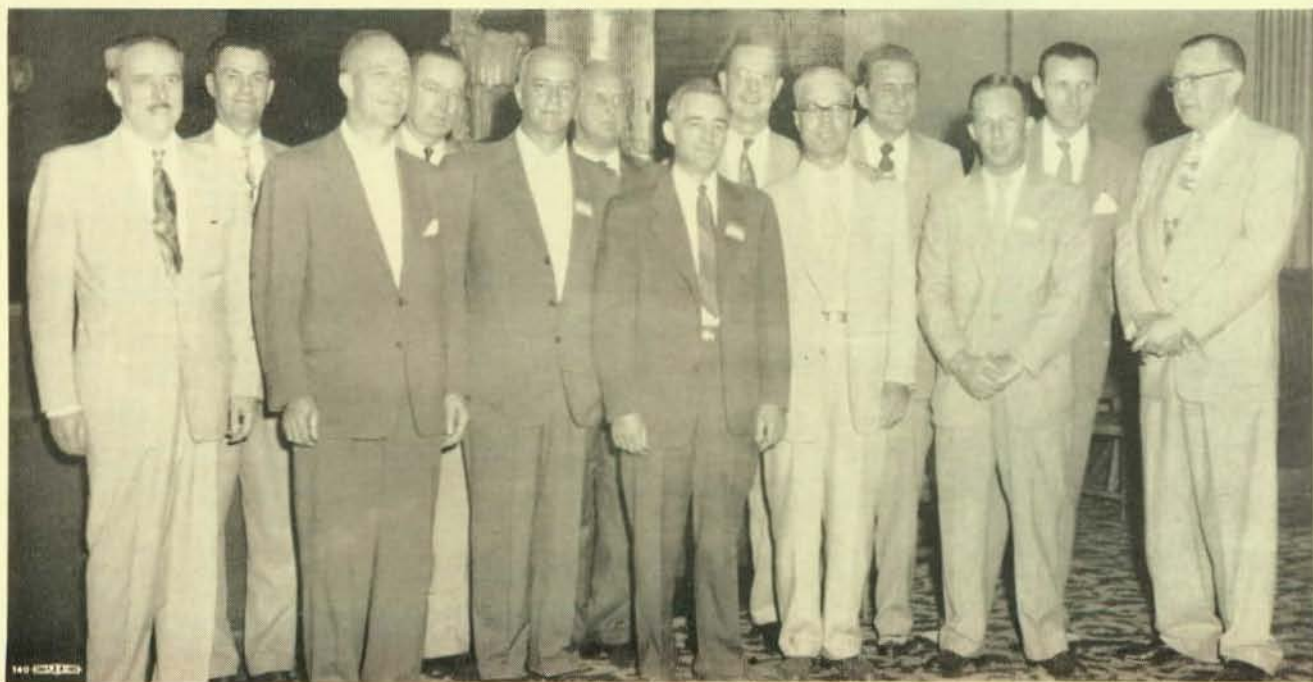
time to time by International Representative Harold J. Becker, Roy Barron, Past President of L.U. 1269 and Walter L. Reed, Business Manager of L.U. 1259. Representative W. A. Smith of the ninth district acted as a Secretary for the entire meeting and did a splendid job of seeing that the second annual meeting of the Radio, TV and Recording Division of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was recorded for posterity.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m., June 20th, following tentative settlement on a date for the 1954 Progress Meet. It was recommended that the 1954 meeting be held just prior to the International Convention in Chicago.



Another view of the dinner, which was held in the Hotel Bellerive in Kansas City.

The International Staff, photographed at the Progress Meeting, is, from left: George A. Mulkey, George J. Dengel, Russell D. Lighty, W. W. Robbins, Franklin A. George, Freeman L. Hurd, Walter L. Reif, Albert O. Hardy, Harold J. Becker, O. E. Johnson, Taylor L. Blair, Forrest C. Conley and W. A. Smith.





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July 30, 1953

International Executive Council  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the accounts and records of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953, and submit herewith the following exhibits and comments:

Exhibit "A" — Balance Sheet  
As at June 30, 1953.

Exhibit "B" — Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953.

COMMENTS

Cash on deposit was reconciled with balances verified by direct confirmation with the depositories. Undeposited receipts were traced into banks in subsequent deposits.

This report does not distinguish between United States and Canadian dollars.

All stocks, bonds, and notes were verified by direct correspondence with the custodians thereof, or by inspection. We did not attempt to ascertain the sufficiency of value of real estate or collateral securing notes receivable.

Advances and deposits were checked with the detailed accounts, but were not further confirmed.

Furniture and equipment is stated at cost less proceeds of furniture and equipment sold and reserve for depreciation.

No funds collected from contractors for the payment of pensions are included in this report, as such funds are controlled by trustees in accordance with the Employees' Benefit Agreement and are not includable in the accounts of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

This report is prepared on a cash basis and does not reflect prepaid or accrued items.

We examined the method of recording receipts and made test-checks of various transactions. All disbursements were checked to supporting vouchers and to canceled checks signed by the secretary and the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE KENDRICK & COMPANY

By Wayne Kendrick (s)

Certified Public Accountant



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT JUNE 30, 1953

ASSETS

<b>CASH (See Footnote)</b>			
On Deposit .....	\$ 1,168,558.57		
Undeposited Receipts .....	15,212.25		
Returned Checks .....	460.95		
Office Fund .....	50.00	\$ 1,184,281.77	
<b>INVESTMENTS (At Book Value)</b>			
Corporate Stocks .....	\$ 2,293,340.21		
Bonds .....	8,419,199.94		
Notes Receivable Secured by Collateral .....	348,500.00		
Notes Receivable Secured by Real Estate .....	15,591,336.87	26,652,377.02	
<b>ADVANCES FOR PAPER</b> .....		37,500.00	
<b>OTHER ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS</b> .....		8,175.00	
<b>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT (Net) (See Comments)</b> .....		206,801.82	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....			\$28,089,135.61

LIABILITIES, FUND ACCOUNTS, AND UNALLOCATED COLLECTIONS

**LIABILITIES**

<b>Notes Payable</b>			
To Local Unions and Others for Advances to Pension Benefit Fund		\$ 2,071,482.66*	
<b>Allocated Collections Awaiting Disbursement</b>			
Railroad Unemployment Tax—System Councils .....	\$ 204.42		
Railroad Retirement Tax .....	5,466.34		
Withholding Tax .....	27,546.02		
Miscellaneous .....	1,047.60	34,264.38	\$ 2,105,747.04

**FUND BALANCES**

Convention Fund .....		\$ 857,461.65	
Death Benefit Fund .....		1,168,952.64	
Defense Fund .....		1,102,940.15	
Military Assessment Fund .....		507,060.60	
<b>General Fund</b>			
Allocated to Employees' Death Benefit Fund .....	\$ 41,679.40		
Reserve for Losses on Investments .....	27,876.54		
Reserve for General Operating Expenses .....	3,787,330.99	3,856,886.93	
<b>Pension Benefit Fund</b>			
Reserve for Losses on Investments .....	\$ 150,296.25		
Reserve for Pension Payments .....	18,033,156.64	18,183,452.89	25,676,754.86

**UNALLOCATED COLLECTIONS**

Current Receipts Awaiting Allocation to Proper Accounts .....	\$ 355,706.91		
Accumulated Balances .....	3,783.20		
		\$ 359,490.11	
Deduct:			
Advance to Electrical Workers' Benefit Association to Cover Un-allocated Premiums .....		52,856.40	306,633.71

**TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND ACCOUNTS, AND UNALLOCATED COLLECTIONS**

\$28,089,135.61

\*Includes \$1,030.00 in notes given to local unions in payment of interest.

NOTE: Canadian dollars in the amount of \$276,499.43 are included in cash at face value.



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1953

CASH BALANCE JULY 1, 1952—Per Prior Audit Report

\$ 2,208,449.15

Add:

## CASH RECEIPTS

## Receipts Allocated During Period

Per Capita .....	\$10,625,481.50
Initiation Fees .....	1,014,340.02
Emblem Sales .....	14,036.05
"Electrical Worker" Sales .....	200.20
Reinstatement Fees .....	8,990.50
Returned Treasuries .....	390.25
Supplies Sales .....	54,329.28

## Income from Investments

Death Benefit Fund .....	\$ 20,417.61	
Defense Fund .....	20,609.99	
General Fund .....	79,151.21	
Pension Benefit Fund .....	841,490.27	961,669.08
Interest Received from Pension Benefit Fund on Notes Payable to General Fund .....		79,674.03
Prepayment Fees on Notes Receivable Secured by Real Estate ..		3,073.95
Discounts Received on Purchase of Notes Receivable Secured by Real Estate .....		36,059.19
Commissions Received on Real Estate Loans .....		1,750.00
Sale of Stock Rights .....		2,292.05
Collections on Notes Receivable Secured by Collateral .....		1,183,900.00
Collections on and Sales of Notes Receivable Secured by Real Estate .....		8,292,865.47
Sale or Maturity of United States Government Bonds .....		174,314.00
Railroad Unemployment Tax—System Councils .....		340.79
Electrical Workers' Benefit Association Premiums Collected ....		3,919,110.40
Family Group Collections .....		7,931.33
Refund of Loans and Advances .....		441,546.00
District of Columbia Sales Tax Collected .....		2.66
Income from Vending Machines .....		578.25
Tabulating Service Income .....		6,016.11
Contributions to Pension Benefit Fund .....		3,115.01
Military Assessments .....		340,226.50
Death Benefit Premiums Collected from Staff Member in Military Service .....		17.40
Fidelity Bond Premiums Collected .....		22,793.42
Loans to Pension Benefit Fund from Local Unions and Others ..		2,020,982.66
Refunds of Advances to 1500 Massachusetts Avenue, Inc. ....		62,500.00
Sale of Convention Proceedings .....		1.00
Sale of Furniture and Equipment .....		251.47

\$29,278,778.57

Deduct:

Decrease in Unallocated Collections .....

562,631.00

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS .....

28,716,147.57

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTABILITY (Carried Forward) .....

\$30,924,596.72



## INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTABILITY (Brought Forward) ..... \$30,924,596.72

Deduct:

## CASH DISBURSEMENTS

## General Fund

## Per Capita

American Federation of Labor .....	\$ 166,000.00	
Building and Construction Trades Department .....	13,500.00	
Metal Trades Department .....	11,350.00	
Railway Employees Department .....	13,336.06	
Union Label Trades Department .....	1,800.00	
Trades and Labor Congress of Canada .....	5,040.00	\$ 211,026.06

## Conventions

American Federation of Labor .....	\$ 3,400.00	
Building and Construction Trades Department .....	4,846.84	
Metal Trades Department .....	2,996.96	
Union Label Trades Department .....	900.00	
Trades and Labor Congress of Canada .....	810.81	12,954.61

Exchange .....	615.21
Death Claims—Members .....	9,900.00
Death Claims—Employees and Staff Members .....	9,000.00
"Electrical Worker" Expense .....	823,971.65
"Technician Engineer" Expense .....	16,647.38
Expense—International Officers .....	177,163.25
Express, Freight, Drayage, and Postage .....	33,391.33

## General Expenses

International Vice-Presidents' Offices Miscellaneous Expense ..	\$ 6,627.11	
Dues, Subscriptions, Etc. ....	3,785.50	
Auditing—International Office .....	4,050.00	
Personal Property Taxes—District of Columbia .....	3,216.86	
Christmas Gifts to Employees .....	1,325.00	
Actuarial Services .....	2,400.00	
Other .....	15,419.59	36,824.06

Investment Expense .....	3,039.74
International Office Supplies .....	181,205.48
Insurance .....	3,183.47
Local Union Fidelity Bonds .....	613.24
Council on Industrial Relations .....	4,402.89
Local Union Supplies .....	77,797.88
Emblems .....	16,433.09
Organizing Expenses .....	1,607,274.69
Employees' Retirement Benefits .....	33,365.80
Contributions to Officers' and Staff Members' Retirement Fund ..	1,505,750.00
Tabulating Service Expense .....	3,198.36
Vending Machine Merchandise .....	455.64
Refunds .....	1,280.50
Rent and Light .....	57,953.03
Railroad Retirement Tax .....	64,965.04
Railroad Unemployment Tax .....	5,132.52

## Salaries

Employees .....	\$ 447,245.63
International Officers .....	250,250.22
Representatives .....	1,381,627.28



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

CASH DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)

General Fund (Continued)

Salaries (Continued)

Railroad Retirement Tax, Withholding Tax, and Union Dues  
Not Remitted as at June 30, 1952 ..... \$ 25,627.37

\$ 2,104,750.50

Deduct:

Railroad Retirement Tax, Withholding Tax, Employees' De-  
fense Bond Deductions, and Officers' and Staff Members'  
Retirement Deductions Not Remitted as at June 30, 1953  
\$33,776.11

Payments Withheld from Staff Members' Salaries for Em-  
ployees' Death Benefit Fund ..... 5,455.20 39,231.31 \$ 2,065,519.19

Telephone and Telegraph ..... 62,195.08

Total General Fund Disbursements ..... \$ 7,025,259.19

Convention Fund

Convention Expense ..... \$ 5,000.00

Refunds ..... 133.18

Total Convention Fund Disbursements ..... 5,133.18

Death Benefit Fund

Death Claims ..... \$ 80,682.73

Accrued Interest on Purchase of Bonds and Notes Receivable  
Secured by Real Estate ..... 2,106.10

Premium on Purchase of Bonds Written-Off as Expense ..... 109.38

Investment Expense ..... 670.53

Refunds ..... 300.00

Total Death Benefit Fund Disbursements ..... 83,868.74

Defense Fund

Legal Expense ..... \$ 32,562.11

Contributions to Locals ..... 750.00

Accrued Interest on Purchase of Bonds and Notes Receivable  
Secured by Real Estate ..... 1,628.65

Premium on Purchase of Bonds Written-Off as Expense ..... 109.37

Investment Expense ..... 512.13

Refunds ..... 55.28

Total Defense Fund Disbursements ..... 35,617.54

Military Assessment Fund

Per Capita Tax Paid ..... \$ 97,448.40

Refunds ..... 167.80

Total Military Assessment Fund Disbursements ..... 97,616.20

Pension Benefit Fund

Per Capita Tax Paid ..... \$ 198,433.10

Investment Expense ..... 49,950.40

Exchange ..... 18.98

Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased ..... 7,044.04

Premium on Purchase of Bonds, Written-Off as Expense ..... 937.50

Interest on Notes Payable to General Fund ..... 79,674.03

Interest on Notes Payable to Local Unions and Others ..... 11,527.10\*

Refunds ..... 2,992.60

Total Pension Benefit Fund Disbursements ..... 350,577.75



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

CASH DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)

<b>Other Disbursements</b>			
Purchase of Furniture and Equipment .....	\$	54,924.83	
Railroad Unemployment Tax—System Councils .....		358.03	
Electrical Workers' Benefit Association Premiums Paid .....		3,971,518.40	
Family Group Collections .....		7,879.70	
Purchase of Notes Receivable Secured by Real Estate .....		12,580,645.47	
Purchase of Notes Receivable Secured by Collateral .....		1,190,400.00	
Purchase of Corporate Stocks .....		1,219,335.59	
Purchase of Canadian Government Bonds .....		287,600.00	
Purchase of United States Government Bonds .....		2,388,033.44	
District of Columbia Sales Tax Remitted .....		.89	
Advances .....		441,546.00	
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b> .....			\$22,142,242.35
<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b> .....			\$29,740,314.95
<b>CASH BALANCE JUNE 30, 1953</b> .....			\$ 1,184,281.77
<b>ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:</b>			
<b>On Deposit</b>			
<b>American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C.</b>			
Voucher Account .....	\$	532,312.46	
Payroll Account .....		140,000.00	
Special Account .....		5,000.00	
Pension Benefit Fund Account .....		23,336.45	
Pension Benefit Fund Agency Account .....		53,005.85	
Defense Fund Agency Account .....		18,567.97	
Death Benefit Fund Agency Account .....		18,567.96	
Agency Account .....		49,266.95	\$ 793,384.74
<b>The City Bank, Washington, D. C.</b>			
Pension Benefit Fund Account (Time Deposit) .....			100,000.00
<b>The Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, Quebec, Canada</b>			
Voucher Account .....	\$	223,772.22	
Payroll Account .....		10,000.00	
Pension Benefit Fund Account .....		500.00	234,272.22
<b>The Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Ontario, Canada</b>			
Pension Benefit Fund Account .....		40,901.61	\$ 1,168,558.57
<b>Undeposited Receipts</b>			
Deposited in American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C.—Voucher Account, During the Month of July, 1953 ...	\$	12,886.65	
Deposited in American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C.—Pension Benefit Fund Account, During the Month of July, 1953 .....		1,000.00	
Deposited in The Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, Quebec, Canada—Voucher Account, During the Month of July, 1953 ...		1,325.60	15,212.25
Returned Checks .....			460.95
Office Fund .....			50.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....			\$ 1,184,281.77

\*Includes \$1,030.00 in notes given to local unions in lieu of cash for payment of interest on loans to the Pension Benefit Fund.

NOTE: Transactions in Canadian dollars are included in this exhibit at face value.



# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Q. I have followed your "Questions and Answers" section with much interest for many years. Will you please send me, or publish in your section any information you may have concerning the selsyn interlock in connection with interlocking motion picture projectors showing third dimension film.*

JACK A. NORRIS  
Jackson, Miss.  
Local Union 480

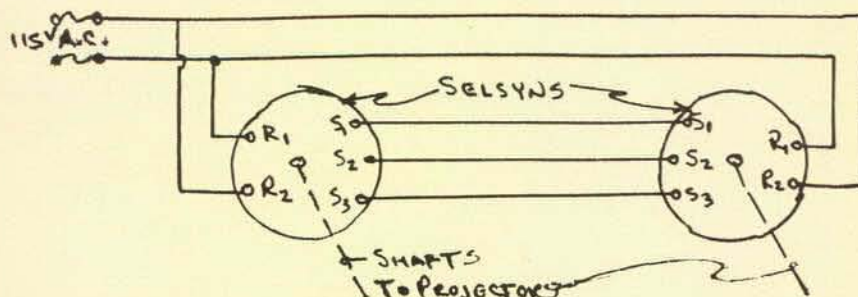
*A.* A selsyn is geared directly to each projector or motor which runs at 1440 R.P.M. Each selsyn acts as a transmitter or receiver, depending on which projector is losing 'sync' and the selsyns have plenty of torque capability to pull the projector motors back in step. When in step the selsyns have zero voltage in their stators, but as soon as the projectors are out, a voltage is set up in the stator that gives torque to the motors to bring the two motors into the same rotation and they in turn bring the projectors into the same rotation. A simplified diagram appears below.

*Q.* After a recent thunder storm, one phase on a 4160/2300 volt 4 wire three phase supply line was opened by lightning on one of our jobs. However, in spite of the opened primary line, it was claimed that a three phase line was maintained on the secondary side. I do not see how this is possible and would like to see an explanation if it is possible. The high voltage primary is connected in a wye and the low voltage secondary is a delta hook up. The primary line was disconnected at the pole, therefore, only two live wires and the neutral entered the vault. If you find this problem of sufficient interest I would like to see the explanation in the JOURNAL.

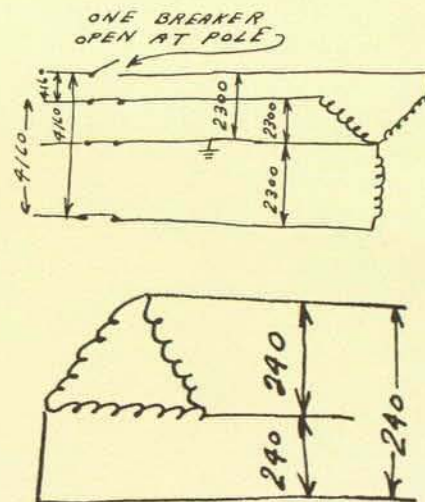
JOSEPH C. LENC  
Local 134

*A.* With one phase of the primary opened and the center grounded the remaining two phases of the transformer will act like an "appendetta" connection and deliver 3 phase power. However the capacity will be only 57.7% of the original capacity or 86.6% of the capacity of the two phases for a balanced load.

## Showing the Selsyn Interlock



See question from Jack Norris, above.

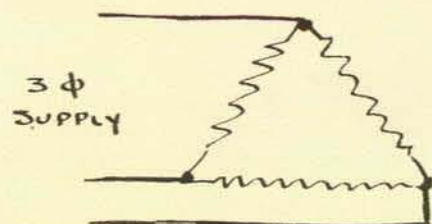


Brother Lenc's Drawings

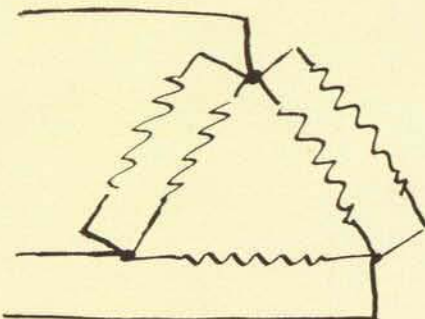
If the load is unbalanced the voltage will be somewhat unbalanced but not excessively. This will cause a negative sequence circulating current to flow in an induction motor which will cause heating of the rotor. The extent of heating depends on load conditions and the degree of unbalance.

*Q.* Often times a 3 phase bank of transformers consisting of 3—1 $\phi$  transformers are "beefed-up" by adding 1 or 2 additional 1 $\phi$  transformers of identical size and characteristics to the bank.

For this problem I have diagrammed the primary connections mentioned below, and listed the necessary data.



Original 3 $\phi$  bank consisting of 3—2500 KVA 1 $\phi$  XFMRs.



New bank now consisting of 5—2500 KVA XFMRs of identical characteristics.

Problem: Capacity of original bank



was of course 7500 KVA. Now what is capacity of new bank?

Note: It is not the original 7500 KVA plus the capacity of the open-delta bank formed by adding the 2 extra XFMRs or 57.7% (7500).

BOB SKIDMORE  
Local Union 725

A. With the loads on the transformers balanced and the same power factor for the 3 phases one could parallel the extra two 2500 KVA transformer with a theoretical capacity of 7500 KVA + 86.6% of 5000 KVA or 57.7% of balanced 7500 KVA. However, as in the previous question with an unbalanced load and different power factors a negative sequence voltage will result causing different regulation in each phase and circulation currents will flow. This causes heat and losses so much so that it is not recommended to connect these extra transformers in this manner, but allow each bank to serve their separate loads for full capacity.

Q. Two (2) 28 volt, D. C. Generators, 500 Ampere capacity each, in parallel operation must deliver 1000 amperes at a distance of 300 ft. with a maximum of 2% voltage drop. There are six (6) 6" steel conduits existing in a concrete floor with pull boxes 2" W. 7" L. and 10" D. spaced 50' apart for power "taps".

Now, the results of my figures are that it will be necessary to install multiconductors, i.e., (15) 600 MCM standard conductors for the plus side and (15) 600 MCM for the minus side, which adds up to 9000 MCM, lugged on two (2) 3/4" x 4" "H" type bus bars at each "pull box" or tap pit. Here is a bad item in this problem, this D. C. circuit cannot be transmitted through the open area above the floor of the building with bare busses or "bus-duct" due to interference with sensitive instruments

located in the area; also due to this fact, I plan to install filters such as "Tobe-Deutschman" No. 1241 — 500 Ampere type in both sides of the circuit in the Generator room which is shielded from the area where these instruments are located.

Will you please give your opinion on the C. M. and "massive" structure of this plus and minus buss system?

PAUL R. HICKS  
California, Maryland

A. The formula used to find the C.M. for a D.C. feeder is:

$$C.M. = \frac{10.7 \times \text{length} \times 2 \times \text{Current}}{\text{Voltage Drop}}$$

$$C.M. = \frac{10.7 \times 300' \times 2 \times 1000A}{0.2 \times 28V}$$

$$C.M. = 11,464,285.$$

Therefore if 600 MCM cable is to be used you would need 20 cables per leg. If type RH-RW cable is the insulation there would be a capacity of 8,400 amperes ignoring the voltage drop. This seems to be a terrible waste of copper. Perchance the voltage drop could be increased to 2 volts instead of .56 volts.

If this is not the case it would have been better to leave a trench in the floor and used taped bus-duct or bus-bars with a metal cover plate over trench.

Q. I would like you to tell me the proper way to test condensers. The condensers I have in mind are of a large bank on a three phase, three wire line to correct the power factor. They have a built in discharge resistance located inside the case and cannot be disconnected. Therefore as far as I know they cannot be tested by a condenser analyzer.

RAYMOND H. TWIGG  
Local Union 870  
Cumberland, Md.

A. One way to determine the

strength of a capacitor is to disconnect it from the line and an ammeter in one leg of the power source and a voltmeter connected across the condenser. Keep it in the circuit only a very short period. With these readings substitute them in the formula:

$$\text{Capacity in MF} = \frac{2650 \times \text{amperes}}{\text{volts}}$$

If the value is 20% below the rated capacity of the condenser, it should be replaced.

Should the test voltage be 220V the effective capacity in MF will be four times the above value.

To simply see if the capacitor is functioning on the line, one need only place a "tong" type ammeter around the capacitor lead and if a current is read the capacitor is active. The losses are negligible.

If one has a power-factor meter the P.F. could be read with the capacitors on the line and then read the meter with the capacitors disconnected from the line. This same check can be made by use of an ammeter and a voltmeter for both cases of the capacitors on the line and disconnected. A lower current and a higher power factor will be read with the capacitor on the line, if they are functioning properly.

Handbooks will give the correct KVA rating for the capacitors according to the size of the load and the P.F. desired.

## Comment:

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the letters from Brothers Nathan Hals, L.U. No. 38, Cleveland, Ohio, and M. R. Roberts, L.U. No. 308, Dunedin, Fla. with their solutions for Bro. Miller's question in February issue for the two settings of the variable condenser. Space does not permit their publishing in this issue.

## Spotlight on Gulfport, Biloxi

(Continued from page 9)

Gulf country, assemble and line up in precise formation to receive the blessings conferred by the robed priests who come from every Roman Catholic parish along the coast. During the idle season the boats have been washed and painted and they sail to the ceremony all decorated with gay flags and pennants.

The Gulf Coast is alive with the tradition and folklore and the ceremonies of a pleasant, happy, friendly, hospitable people. Here in this land blessed by God with

air and sand and sun and water and abundant growth, the people are the kind of people who seem to know a good thing when they see it. They do their work well, but they do not rush, they take time for rest and relaxation and for neighborliness and kindness and sharing with others.

They take time to explain things to visitors — what a "Po'Boy" sandwich is, how to make Shrimp Jambalaya. They tell you interesting little anecdotes like the fact that "Cat Island," so named by

the French two and a half centuries ago, was used as a dog training center by the Army, during the last war.

They have a dozen stories to tell like this one, which they recount as they point out for you the "Ring in the Oak"—a peculiar formation of a branch of a tree that forms a perfect circle. The tree stands in the Churchyard of the Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi, where Jeff Davis served as vestryman. The Indian legend of the "Ring in the Oak" as any native can tell it is this:

A Biloxi chief discovered that his beautiful daughter was in love



with the chief of an enemy tribe. He refused to allow them to marry, saying "My daughter shall never wed a brave from a hostile tribe until a ring grows in yonder oak."

During the night a terrible storm broke over the settlement. When morning dawned, the old chief saw that the winds had twisted the young branch of the tree into a natural ring. The old chief, believing that the Great White Spirit had intervened to help the unhappy young lovers, gave them his blessing.

Yes, many are the tales the wonderful people of Biloxi and Gulfport spin for the visitor's entertainment. They just like people and when they beg you to come back you know they mean it. Why they even try to get their visitors to eat mullet which abounds in the waters of Gulfport and Biloxi. "He who eats mullet will return," the Indians used to say and these hospitable Mississippians want you to return.

#### Foremost Citizens

Of course, foremost among the native citizens of Biloxi and Gulfport to us, were our own local union people. We have two local unions servicing these two communities as well as a number of other small communities on the Gulf Coast. Local 903 is our inside and outside local. It was chartered January 15, 1935 and has approximately 170 members. This is a local that has made amazing progress in the past few years. Fifteen years ago, as International Executive Council Member Carle pointed out in his remarks at the recent Fifth District Progress Meeting, the International Office sent someone in to pick up L.U. 903's charter because it was not functioning, but enough members were rounded up to hold the Charter. Now the local has grown to a membership of approximately 170 and owns its own home.

There is plenty of construction going on in Gulfport and Biloxi, both large jobs and house wiring, and L.U. 903 members are doing it. Pictures on these pages will give an idea of the variety of work being performed. We visited

Keesler Field where our men employed by O'Neal Electric Company of Gulfport were engaged in wiring and installing air conditioning for several new modern buildings being erected.

Also in Biloxi we visited a handsome Chinese Restaurant just completed. Outside, Main Neon Sign Company employees were hanging the Chinese Dragon sign while our men employed by Compton Electric Company of Biloxi added the final air conditioning units within.

We visited the Coastal Neon Service Shop where our tube benders were fabricating signs, and a new Sears and Roebuck Service building where Economy Electric Service was making final installations for outdoor lighting.

In each city we visit we are impressed with the ability of our men and some of the unusual places in which they work. A beautiful new bridge has just been opened over Bay St. Louis. On the day of our visit, final preparations were being made for the tape-cutting ceremonies. Our electricians, traveling in skiffs were constructing power lines and we watched them from the bridge. On the bridge and under it, L.U. 903 men were making the final checks on the control panel of the nine-million-dollar bridge.

The intricate control panels which look so complicated were routine work for our expert workmen on whose skill depends the opening and closing of the bridge, its lighting and other factors for the public convenience and safety.

#### Hospital Planned

A new hospital project on which our men are engaged by Light-house Electric Company was still in the blueprint stage. One half million dollars will go into electrical work here.

Our men were employed on a \$600,000 Negro School project, the new Mississippi Aluminum Company and other projects too numerous to mention.

On every job we were impressed with the ability and know-how of our men. An excellent apprentice-ship training program has been set

up by L.U. 903. A recent addition to this training program is a new screen and projector by which training films may be shown to our apprentices.

We wish space would permit a more complete story on L.U. 903 and its progress. The local is progressing as far as wages and conditions are concerned but it is growing in other ways also—in education and also by its good public relations program. Relations with management are good and employer and employee are both prospering.

The International Office has good reason to be proud of L.U. 903. It is likewise proud of its utility local, L.U. 1211, chartered November 1, 1940. When first organized, L.U. 1211 was composed of 28 members. Now it numbers 90. Average wage when the local was organized was \$125 monthly. It is \$395 now. Relations with the company, Mississippi Power Company, are excellent.

#### Company's History

Our other utility members will be interested in the company for which their Brothers in L.U. 1211 work. Numerous pictures of these members accompany this article.

The Mississippi Power Co. began operations on January 1, 1925 with a small system extending along the Gulf Coast from Bay St. Louis to Ocean Springs. Thirteen communities, having a total of 5,500 customers were served at that time. The limited electric service, in the present service area was from small isolated plants, generally overloaded and with run-down distribution systems. Rates were high, running up to 25 cents per kwh, service was frequently rendered only at night, and there was little development in progress. The majority of communities in the state had no electric service at all.

The first large construction job after the company began operation was the building of a 110,000 volt transmission line from Alabama to provide electricity from hydro-electric plants. Additional transmission lines were constructed within the area and by 1941 the system was integrated. Another



110,000 volt transmission line was later tied in at Mobile with Alabama Power Company, one of the affiliated operating companies of the Southern Company system, and at the present time a third inter-connection is under construction. Mississippi Power Company also has two 110,000 volt inter-connections with non-affiliated companies to the west and north.

Since 1944, when construction started on the company's modern high pressure steam electric generating plant, units have been added until now there is a total of 206,000 horsepower of modern generating capacity.

Service is now supplied to 90,000 customers in 137 communities at a cost of 3.13 cents per kwh.

We visited our members of L.U. 1211 employed by the Mississippi Power Company out on the job—line crews, meter testers, tree trim-

mers. All were doing a competent job and were proud of it.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to visit Gulfport and Biloxi, visit with the Gulf Coast people and especially our own local unions there. We hope they will like "their" story.

We acknowledge with thanks the splendid assistance of the officers and members of L.U. 903 and 1211 especially Business Manager J. O. Bilbo of 903 and Business Manager M. L. Williamson of 1211 and also the kind help of Mr. C. C. (Tex) Hamill, Editor and Publisher of "Down South" Magazine, Mr. John Lee Gaaney, Harrison County Industrial Agent, Mr. Sam K. Williams of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. John Redmann, Office Information Services, Keesler Air Base. Without the co-operation of all these people this story could never have been written and we are grateful.

## **Banner Meet of Fifth District**

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in their Brotherhood, stressing that our organization can only be what the members make it.

Following Mr. Tracy's stimulating address, the balance of the afternoon session was once again given over to delegates' reports. Business Manager Guy T. Solomon of L.U. 1579, Augusta, Georgia spoke of the need for workmen in their area. He told of their apprenticeship program in which 250 young men are receiving training as journeymen, and of the new \$350,000 union home the local is building.

Brother "Stormey" Davis of L.U. 329, Shreveport, Louisiana, kept the entire meeting in good humor by his extremely comical remarks, in between which, he sandwiched a report of real progress.

### **Enlightened Management**

Business Manager Ross Martin of L.U. 930, Birmingham, Alabama, stressed the fact that in recent months it has been their experience that management has become enlightened and much better

labor-management relations, now exist.

On Sunday morning, reports of delegates continued and progress was certainly the keynote of the reports.

L.U. 349 presented a good report through its Business Manager William Johnson, who said their local had had unusual success in the broadcast field.

### **Improved Contract**

Brother M. D. Williamson, president of L.U. 1211, Gulfport, reported marked improvement in the new contract signed with the Mississippi Power Company.

Brother R. R. Kyle of L.U. 682, St. Petersburg told of the exceptional progress made by their utility local in the past six years and expressed his appreciation to Vice President Barker for assistance rendered.

The reports of delegates were interrupted for a message from International Executive Council Member Carl Scholtz. In his talk Brother Scholtz warned that many of our younger members have

never known the meaning of the word depression. He urged every member to be alert, do his best work, get all the house wiring available, be satisfied with time and a half in order to get the work. He urged the business managers present to explain the reasons for these things to the membership and understanding would make them accept them.

### **Overtime Warning**

Space will not permit us to review for you the interesting remarks of the many delegates as they reported to the meeting—Brother Sam Shannon of L.U. 505, Mobile, warned against demanding too much overtime; Brother E. J. Bourg, Secretary of the Louisiana State Federation of Labor told of the 14 labor schools organized in the Southern states in the past two years and urged support for them as did J. B. Pate, President of the Georgia State Federation of Labor, and now on the staff of the International Office. Arnold J. Kennedy, business manager of L.U. 84, Atlanta outlined gains made with the Georgia Power Company, Brother E. B. Flynn, L.U. 1028, Tupelo, Mississippi had a most progressive report to make in which he said that their membership had contributed 100 percent to Labor's League. He told how 25 of their members had enrolled in the Labor Economics course at Mississippi State College in order to become better informed.

These and other heartening reports made the Fifth District Progress Meet a most interesting and truly progressive one.

We must not forget to include in this brief report of the Gulfport meeting, the program of entertainment provided for visitors by Locals 903 and 1211 under the capable leadership of J. O. Bilbo and M. L. Williamson. A very nice boat trip was arranged for the ladies in attendance at the meeting, and on Saturday night a banquet and pleasant program of entertainment were provided.

Vice President Barker, his staff, and the locals of Gulfport and the Fifth District, are to be congratulated on the value and success of this lively constructive meeting.



# Fifth District Progress Meet

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search Director; W. L. Hopper, Jr., International Representative. *Second row:* W. L. Holst, International Representative; Andrew Hill, International Representative; J. B. Pate, International Representative; O. E. Johnson, International Representative; Frank Graham, International Representative; P. A. Alexander, International Representative; J. R. May, International Representative; and C. A. Dugas, International Representative.

## Eleventh District Progress Meet

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### Iowa

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International Representative; Joyce J. Kelly, L.U. 1455; Frank W. Graham, International Representative; Robert K. Garrity, International Representative; Frank W. Jacobs, International Vice President; J. Scott Milne, International Secretary; William W. Robbins, Director of Research; Elmer C. Kelly, International Representative; Mrs. Wilda Waychoff, L.U. 1354; Leo J. Hennessey, L.U. 1; Genevieve Beems, L.U. 1354; Ed. Carroll, L.U. 95; C. M. Rush, International Representative; George E. Smith, L.U. 702. *Second row:* Gerald Magelssen, L.U. 124; R. E. Smiley, L.U. 124; Denis E. Volas, L.U. 1217; E. M. Roedder, L.U. 1439; Thomas P. Finnerty, L.U. 1455; Kenneth Gerdes, L.U. 1439; George K. Bock, L.U. 690; Frank Lacy, L.U. 1613; Harold A. Baker, L.U. 347; Theodore H. Dunagan, L.U. 347; W. W. McGinnis, L.U. 599; Jess L. Rarick, L.U. 599; H. E. Stimpert, L.U. 412; David Wallisch, L.U. 880; C. E. Nordstrom, L.U. 499; W. L. Reed, L.U. 1259; Chester S. Lemanski, L.U. 1652; Raymond H. Adams, L.U. 1652. *Third row:* John Kiloh, L.U. 412; Russell Z. Mundorf, L.U. 265; A. L. Anderson, L.U. 265; Clarence Huber, L.U. 240; Fred W. Kelpe, L.U. 257; A. Sullivan, L.U. 124; F. A. Fillmore, L.U. 1217; James F. Mitchell, L.U. 1217; Sylvester J. Vogelweid, L.U. 1455; Wm. H. Ashmore, L.U. 1250; William L. Trum, L.U. 1613; William J. Cronin, L.U. 1256; B. B. Talbert, L.U. 763; Gail O. Blocker, L.U. 763; D. D. Keely, L.U. 1426; Walter Bernoski, L.U. 880; R. W. Wood, L.U. 1302; Earl Richeal, L.U. 1302; Edward D. Hoffman, L.U. 1652; James Leo Hogue, L.U. 1464; Herbert F. Pfeffer, L.U. 263. *Fourth row:* W. H. James, L.U. 1464; Andrew A. Lange, L.U. 704; Ralph I. Knapp, L.U. 431; John Wm. Lankford, L.U. 2; R. H. Sommers, L.U. 405; DeVaughn Riley, L.U. 1474; Robert O. Beeks, L.U. 1379; Dean Ricker, L.U. 218; Clayton Dean, L.U. 218; Paul R. Crutcher, L.U. 1474; John P. Wilhite, L.U. 695; R. D. Krogh, L.U. 763; Tom L. Ducan, L.U. 231; Robert F. Jones, L.U. 124; Frank Janes, L.U. 350; Norman Dennison, L.U. 1; Carl M. Gustafson, L.U. 55; John C. Alcorn, L.U. 432. *Fifth row:* Don C. Bowers, L.U. 1379; Herbert Nussbaum, L.U. 702; Don A. Murphy, L.U. 124; Wm. J. Stack, L.U. 124; W. E. Glidewell, L.U. 453; N. L. Brosch, L.U. 1016; Fred R. Nuzum, L.U. 1016; Ervin Wilson, L.U. 814; Paul S. Murphy, L.U. 735; Don Spitler, L.U. 735; Hugh Reinier, L.U. 405; Paul W. Andersen, L.U. 1362; Ed. H. Krahmer, L.U. 1362; Henry C. Kuehner, L.U. 2; Marvin E. Cable, L.U. 739; A. S. Kendall, L.U. 53; George A. Kennard, L.U. 124; Virgil E. Cash, L.U. 1525; Ralph R. Strohecker, L.U. 288; Wayne M. Telford, L.U. 944; Bernard N. Walter, L.U. 944.



# "Dear Old Golden Rule Days"

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America," wrote that an American youth "as soon as he opens his lips should rehearse the history of his own country; he should lisp the praise of liberty, and of those illustrious heroes and statesmen, who have wrought a revolution in her favor." And as the colonies began setting up state governments, the need of public schools was recognized and provisions made for them in the various state constitutions. The national Constitution in the 10th Amendment (1791) recognized the responsibility of each state to institutionalize training for citizenship.

Our Founding Fathers, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, did much to further the cause of public education, while James Madison, our fourth President wrote "A popular government without information or the means of acquiring it is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy or perhaps both . . ." Thus the founders and builders of our free government recognized the need of learning and set about giving us a school system.

## Franklin First

Benjamin Franklin as early as 1751 had founded what was probably the first public academy in this country. So popular was the academy with its liberalized curriculum that by 1850 there were about 6,000 of these high schools in the country with more than 250,000 pupils. In preparing the way for our high schools of today, the academy had a tremendous influence over our system of schools in making a change from private to public support, in adding more practical subjects to the curriculum, in admitting less fortunate boys and girls, and in breaking away from church influence and control. This latter trend was carried to its conclusion when a public system of education developed in the 19th century.

But recognizing the need of spiritual education, churches during the last century set up a wide-

spread system of Sunday schools to round out the education of the youth of America. There has been no direct church influence on education in public schools since that time.

## 150,000 Schools

Latest available figures in the United States, list more than 150,000 public schools in approximately 83,000 school districts of various types. These are administered by a board of education averaging five members and a superintendent of schools with his staff. Legally, subject to the laws passed by state legislature, control of the school system is in the hands of the board of education elected by the people in each district. This autonomous school district is in essence an American innovation.

While the 10th Amendment recognized the responsibility of each state to provide education for its youth, the Federal government helped the cause of learning in many ways. From the beginning of the 19th century, Federal land grants for schools and educational purposes amounted to well over 200,000 square miles.

Through the years under various acts of Congress, money grants have gone to schools, and recently the Federal school lunch program was put on a permanent basis. There has been Federal aid to vocational training in its many aspects. And the National Government assists education in the special school district of Washington, D. C., the territories, outlying possessions and Federal reservations and the trust territory (ex-Japanese mandated islands). The 1944 bill providing for veterans' education was probably the largest Federal expenditure for any educational purpose.

While the early missions started the first schools for Indians, as early as 1800 Federal money was appropriated for this purpose. Indian children attend Government-reservation and nonreservation boarding schools, Government day

schools, state public schools, and mission and private schools.

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have separate schools for white and Negro pupils. Reconstruction in the South had seen universal education for the Negro provided in theory only. But the end of the 19th century found northern philanthropists and southern leaders cooperating to bring better schools for both races. Booker T. Washington founded Tuskegee Institute in Alabama in 1881 for industrial training of the Negro, and did much to pave the way for the opening of equal educational opportunities to Negroes of the South.

Joining with the public schools of the nation in educating young Americans are the parochial and private schools. Ten thousand, three hundred, seventy-five private elementary schools, 3,331 private secondary schools, and 1,210 private colleges and universities educate youths and train them in religious principles and ideals of their choice in a nation dedicated to academic and religious freedom.

We have traced the history of our schools. Now, this month, the doors are opening on the school days of citizens and leaders of future America. Communism in some of our universities has reared its ugly head and the thought of any of our youth breathing the suffocating fallacies of slavery instead of the pure air of freedom is a horrible one to any American.

## Taught Democracy

But the American school system, both public and private, stands without fear of this kind of encroachment. Our teachers and our youth love this great America which is ours. And in these school days of today as in the homespun days of our forefathers, the proud halls of city high or the humble rooms of the tiniest rural school echo each morning to the varied voices of American youth raised in loving dedication . . . "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America . . ." For our schools have taught us well the golden dream that is democracy.



## St. Louis Scheduled As Host to A. F. of L.

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Three appropriate songs for September should be "Meet Me in St. Looie, Looie," "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and "Under the Anheuser-Bush."

During September, St. Louis will be host to the American Federation of Labor, and delegates from all over the Western hemisphere will gather here in convention to try to iron out wrinkles and set a solid course for American labor for these post-Korean times.

Local No. 1 members look forward to meeting some of their old friends from all over the States and Canada.

"Meet Me in St. Looie, Looie," was composed and published for our St. Louis Worlds Fair in 1904 and has maintained its popularity as a hit song . . . and as the theme song for the city.

Of course, no visit to St. Louis is complete without a visit to Busch Stadium to see our ball teams in action. Both the Browns and the Cardinals provide many baseball thrills.

Since April 9 of this year, the Cardinals have been owned by Anheuser-Busch, Inc., St. Louis' world famous brewery. A month later, the company purchased Sportsman's Park from the St. Louis Browns baseball club, and immediately renamed it Busch Stadium.

August A. Busch, Jr., president of

the Cardinals and Anheuser-Busch, promptly launched a major remodeling program which will cost about half a million dollars.

Much of the work will be done on the electrical equipment, with a small portion already started, and a larger program—which will employ about 40 men—scheduled after the completion of the playing season.

The Livingston Electric Company has the contract for this work, and Norman Lanaman is foreman.

In addition, the park regularly employs two Electricians to maintain its night baseball lighting system and an amplifier man to operate the P.A. system. Of course, these men are members of Local No. 1 and receive journeymen's pay throughout the playing season. Every person employed in the park, including charwomen, groundkeepers, soda vendors, etc., belong to their respective A. F. of L. unions.

The third song on our hit parade—"Under the Anheuser-Bush," is appropriate not only for the Cardinals,

but because a visit to St. Louis is not complete without a tour through the "Home of Budweiser." This famous, century-old brewery has a slogan saying: "Making Friends Is Our Business," and the hospitable company lives up to it at all times.

Our JOURNAL staff from Washington was here for the 11th District Progress Meeting, and promised to return in September for the American Federation of Labor convention.

"Meet You in St. Looie."

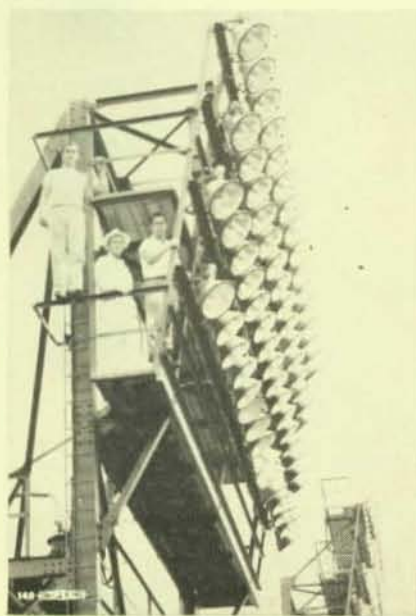
FRANK KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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## Views on Present Bias of News

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Many of the Brother press secretaries mention the fact that the greater percentage of our newspapers today are what might be called a one-party press. The result is, as most of us well know, if not deliberately biased reporting, then news slanted in such

## Contribute to St. Louis Baseball



A sky view of Busch Stadium in St. Louis, showing a Sunday double-header crowd, at left. Centrally located with plenty of parking space for a 35,000 attendance, the stadium has one of the finest lighting plants for night baseball in either league. Members of Local 1 are part of the 100% AFL union staff that operate the park. At right, light is supplied to the field by an elaborate Local 1 operated system. Each light is 1500 watts and each bank is supplied by its own 4000 to 110/220 volts transformer. From left are Frank Jacobs, Jr., chief electrician for the park, Herbert Hutchison, local business representative, and Norman Lanaman, foreman for Livingston Electric. Not in the picture is Ad. Roemmerman, second maintenance man for the park.



## Local 1 At the Ball Game



Stan (The Man) Musial, St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, and Eddie Stanky, Cardinals' manager, attempt to ground August A. (Gussie) Busch, the team's new owner, in the fundamentals of the game. Mr. Busch is considerably more proficient at the art of making Budweiser beer.



The control room for the amplifier at Busch Stadium. The equipment consists of two racks of 500 watts each and a stand-by rack. Frank Jacobs, Jr., chief electrician, rides gain while Norman Lanaman checks input. Business Representative Herbert Hutchison is the spectator.

a way that one receives the wrong impression and of course that is what they are after.

As an instance of this we hear and see constant repetition of the phrase "The terrible mess accumulated by the Democrats in the last 20 years." Feed this to the generation that was too young 20 years ago to remember what the Democrats took over from the Republicans in 1933.

Lots of business men too, today, do not know what a beating business took as a result of lack of foresight on the part of the Republican Administration. Business more than the rest of us received benefit from the Bank Holiday that they welcomed with open arms. We now have Federal Deposit Insurance which insures the savings that require such great effort and self denial to accumulate.

We have unemployment insurance that puts a brake on exploiting employers who would prefer to lay their employes off until they are starved into coming back to work for anything the employer felt like giving them.

There is plenty more of the same that could be mentioned, well known to our "not so young any more" members who, we feel, should make it their business to acquaint the younger members with the facts of life as they really were and are today, so that when election day comes around they will know who and what to vote for.

We would not have a Taft-Hartley Act today if the voters had not forgotten that a President is the chief executive, he does not make the laws. Congress does that. Figures showed that President Truman had a Demo-

cratic Congress but the figures did not show that when a large number of labor hating Southern Congressmen joined with the Republicans to pass legislation over the then President's veto, it was a Republican Congress. These same Southerners deserted their party in the last election because they were promised the underwater oil fields which the Supreme Court had ruled belonged to the Nation. They got them but it remains to be seen whether the State or some powerful individual or group will benefit most. We won't attempt to name names. Most of you should be aware of what goes on in your state.

It is reported in the newspapers, on good authority, that as soon as Congress has adjourned, the President will issue an executive order establishing an F.E.P.C. similar to the one issued by our late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. What has happened to the promise made to the advocates of "State Rights?"

If it were not for Democratic support much of the legislation requested by President Eisenhower would never have been passed. How many of us knew that?

If the readers of this item really wish to keep informed in spite of a one-party press then make it a point to get the "Democratic Digest" published by the Democratic National Committee every month. At least you will get the other side.

Good luck and God bless you all.

FREDERICK V. EICH, P. S.

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## Special Meeting for Springfield Election

L. U. 7, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—A special meeting was held at Central Labor Union Hall, Monday, June 15th, for election of officers. The polls were opened from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. One hundred and fifty-three ballots were cast. These were elected:

Re-elected unanimously for president, Arthur M. Illig; vice president, Thomas F. Dignan; treasurer, Raymond F. Penniman; recording secretary, Melvin I. Hill; financial secretary and business manager, William J. Wylie. Executive board members: Matthew Sullivan, Bernard Popp, Jeremiah P. McCarthy. Examining board members: Raymond Collins, Francis Lynch, Charles Stagnaro.

Officers were installed at the regular July meeting.

It was voted to donate one hundred dollars toward the rebuilding of Assumption College, at Worcester, Massachusetts, which was practically demolished in the tornado several months ago.

Everyone is looking forward to our annual clambake, tentatively scheduled to be held at Turner Park, August 9th.



All persons who contributed time or labor in the construction of the new home for Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Spencer, on Emerson Road, Longmeadow, Massachusetts, were invited to the open house held July 23rd, when the keys to the home were formally turned over to the couple who were burned out of their old home on Palm Sunday. Various local trade unions helped to build a new home at the same site for the Spencers voluntarily with free labor (and various contractors offered materials).

The members of Local 7 have a fine spirit. Always ready and willing to help others.

IRVING WEINER, P. S.

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## Millions in Construction Planned for Toledo

**L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO**—The old saying that "time flies" becomes a reality when as a Local correspondent we have to meet the deadline for sending in items of interest to be published in the JOURNAL. We took a look at the calendar and said, holy crapes, where has the month gone. Things are on the move in our vicinity. A recent news release here listed at least 10 shopping centers which have gone beyond the planning stage and are ready for construction as soon as a few minor difficulties are straightened out. The dollar value of these projects alone exceeds 25 millions of dollars. Other recent releases have pushed construction totals to well over the 70 million mark.

The Twin grind plant which the A. Bentley and Sons Company is building at Rossford, Ohio, is well under way and it is expected that the number one line will be in operation early this fall. Aluminum conduit in all sizes from three-inch down to one-half inch is being used for the first time to our knowledge in this city. By the time this job finishes some of our boys will have qualified as experts on bending the same. At the present stage there are about 80 men on the job, a good many of whom are from other locals where the labor situation isn't so hot. We have been endeavoring to have a picture of the gang taken but as yet have been unable to get the necessary permission from the powers that be. On the first Saturday in August, this local will hold its annual picnic at Suto's Grove. This event has been held on the first Saturday of that month for so long that it has become more or less of a holiday. We expect to entertain the largest crowd in our history. There will be the usual ample supplies of liquid refreshment for the grownups plus a generous amount of soft drinks for the younger generation. Games for young and old

have been arranged with lots of valuable prizes which have been donated by the members of the electrical industry in this vicinity. Here's hoping for a sunny day and not as hot as the one is in which we are pounding out this little bit of news via the hit and hunt system.

Brothers in the remote parts of the jurisdiction might think that Toledo being an inland city is far removed from ocean traffic. While this is being written a brand new steamship on her maiden voyage from Belgium, is tied up to the docks here, unloading machinery for the glass plant which we mentioned earlier in this article. So far this year over one hundred vessels of foreign registry have unloaded cargo here and the shipping season in the port of Toledo doesn't close until December, so that Toledo has a big stake in the St. Lawrence Waterway project. While it's too hot to do much about it, plans are being made to open up the biggest bowling season in the history of that sport as applied to this local. Our league has been in operation for over 10 years and some of our Brother bowlers, including yours truly, aren't a bit better than they were when the league started. The temperature being up in the high eighties it's not so good hitting these keys, so we will have to call it a mile. However, we wish to state that "Corn Cob Willie," who used to do the scribbling for this local years ago, is not dead, we merely cut out the old corn cob and are still alive and kicking. So until another time rolls around we will call it quits. Hope we can find something interesting for your reading pleasure next time we write.

BILL CONWAY, R.S.

## Fine Attendance At Local 25 Meet

**L. U. 25, NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.**—Our last regular meeting, which was held at Whitman Hall, Huntington, Long Island, on July 8, 1953, was one of the best attended regular meetings since our charter was granted.

Many out-of-town Brothers who are working in our jurisdiction were present. Among these was Brother B. H. Turgeon, business manager of L. U. 373, Saranac Lake, New York. Brother Turgeon spoke briefly and thanked L. U. 25 for providing members of L. U. 373 with employment. He said things are very slow at Saranac at the present time, but there are several large jobs to come in the future.

The Brothers who were present at this meeting had the opportunity to witness a rather unusual initiation. Brother James Everett is of the fourth generation, in direct line to become a member of the I.B.E.W. His great grandfather, A. D. Everett, was initiated into L. U. 3 on September 5, 1901. His card was No. 1490. His grandfather, Irl V. Everett, Sr., a present member of the Executive Board of L. U. 25, was initiated into L. U. 3 on January 1, 1911. Andrew Everett, his father, who is president of L. U. 25, was initiated into L. U. 25 on June 7, 1939, Card 658415. Irl Sr., has three other sons, all journeymen members of L. U. 25.

President Everett requested his father as the oldest living member of the family to administer the oath to "Young Jim." Irl Sr., made a

## Local No. 7 Officers Are Installed



Front Row: Arther M. Illig, President; International Representative, Walter Kenefick who took part in the ceremony; Thomas F. Dignan, Vice-President. Back Row: Raymond Collins, Examining Board Member; William J. Wylie, Financial Secretary and Business Manager; Raymond F. Penniman, Treasurer; Melvin I. Hill, Recording Secretary; Bernard Popp, Executive Board Member; Jeremiah P. McCarthy; Executive Board Member; Matthew Sullivan, Executive Board Member of the Springfield, Mass., local.



## Apprenticeship Certificates Awarded in Los Angeles



Apprenticeship Certificates furnished by the International Office were presented to a large group of Local 18 members at a recent meeting of the local. Since many of these men are employed by the Department of Water and Power, for Los Angeles, Mr. Samuel B. Morris, General Manager of that Department was kind enough to attend the meeting and participate in the presentation. Seated with him in the picture are Brother E. P. Taylor, Business Manager of Local 18. Since starting the apprenticeship program in 1943, a total of 170 apprentices have been graduated. First row, left to right: Robert Galbreth; George D. Fish; H. O. Whitley; B. J. Howard; George Caldwell; A. J. McFerrin, President; E. P. Taylor, Business Manager; Samuel B. Morris, General Manager of the Department of Water and Power; Duane C. Weimer; Charles Harris; Richard Sharrat; Leon G. Hargrove; Cecil Waddington and Herbert Danson. Middle row, left to right: Vitaly Albin, Archie Weissinger, W. L. Bacon, R. D. Harris, Andrew Balangue, Edward Mellon, Lagus Smith, S. H. Wilson, Barney Healy, Robert Humphries and Harold E. Hendron. Top row, left to right: Gilbert Loya, Welton Winn, Robert Sears, Jack Scheidecker, G. E. Webb, G. W. Ferster, Glen McBride, John Kooy, Alexander Nicholson, Stanley Hawkins, James Bates, Carroll Ragsdale, Charles High, James Liming and Lawrence Gither.



E. P. Taylor, Business Manager of Local Union 18 shakes hands with Brother Bob Miller after presenting him with a 35-year pin while Brother A. J. McFerrin looks on. Frank F. Smith (left) was presented with a 25-year pin.

swell job of it and received the congratulations of all.

Our new agreement with the Nassau-Suffolk Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc., has been signed, and approved by President Tracy. It runs for a period of one year, but may be opened at any time by either party after serving proper notice.

The membership decided to hold the line and forego an hourly increase at this time, because our present rate compares very favorably with others in the area. We settled for a four

per cent gross labor payroll contribution which will be used to establish a vacation, holiday, and tool allowance fund for members.

Our welfare trustees have recently added two new policies to the coverage offered to all who are employed in our jurisdiction. One is an accident policy which covers the worker only. The other is for polio and covers the worker and all members of his family.

Business Manager Joe Gramer wishes to acknowledge the many nice letters he has received from Brothers



Brothers Walter E. Brown and Oscar Williams work on 4800 volt system of Department of Water and Power of Los Angeles. (The picture is an enlargement of one which shows up in picture of apprentices, above.)

who have returned to their homes after working here. Out-of-town Brothers will always be given the same privileges and consideration that we as members of L. U. 25 enjoy.

HERBERT L'HOMMEDIEU, P. S.

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### 50-Yr. Pin, Scroll Given Brother Sisson

L. U. 32, LIMA, OHIO—It was 50



years ago and on April 19, 1903, when our beloved Brother Lee Roy Sisson joined the I.B.E.W. in Local No. 262 which was then chartered in Princeton, Indiana. And at this time, 50 years almost to the day, Brother Sisson was taken to the hospital because of an ailment caused by his weak heart. To be with him on this jubilee, Business-Manager E. B. Meyer of Local 32 went to Wolf Lake, Indiana, where Brother Roy, who is retired from the trade was resting in the Lucky Hospital. The accompanying photos show Brother Sisson and E. B. Meyer following the presentation of the 50 year membership honor scroll and his diamond pin, gold pocket piece and pocket card and also a fine gift (check) from his many friends of Local 18, Los Angeles, California, where he was a member for many years. All gifts were accepted with deep appreciation and sincere thanks to those who have made this possible. Both our Brothers, E. P. Taylor, business-manager of Local 18 and our International Secretary, J. Scott Milne, have known Roy Sisson for a long time and they helped to bring sunshine to the hospital room. Roy is doing as well as can be expected, and will appreciate any greetings from his many friends. As soon as Roy is well again, appropriate arrangements will be made by this local, to reenact the jubilee ceremony.

We are well on our way to strengthening the workers position by subscribing to and following the program of Labor's League for Political Education. We must all acquaint ourselves, be seriously interested and work to protect our rights. We have rights *by benefit of union efforts* over many years. No union member will get anything for nothing or will be carried free through life. There are people who will depend upon charity, dishonesty and other shady activities to make it the "easy way." A good union member is a self-respecting, responsible and dependable human being who knows what it means to be free in America, the best country in the world. A union card is not a passport, it is proof that the owner will defend the union principle as it is known to exist for the benefit of all peoples. Fairness and decency in our dealing will in turn reward us for our toils. This comes through union negotiated security in most cases. What miserable standard of working conditions would we probably have, were it not for union organizations. All of us must get behind this Labor's League for Political Education and support the program from every nook and cranny in all States. We have learned what some of the State Legislatures will do and what some of them already have done in their attempts to curb and even destroy organized labor unions. In the

month of May, here in Ohio, we were successful in having the infamous House Bill 647, the so-called "right to work" bill, indefinitely postponed. Of course this does not mean to forget about such union busting attempts. It is interesting to read in July's report of the L.L.P.E. the amount of money being spent by those who would like to set us back to standards of some 40 or 50 years ago.

As union men and women we are all interested in the worker's welfare. The best friend then is our fellow union man with whom we must team up to promote more fairness and decency as it is exercised and expected by true union members. Remember:

"When you became a member of the union, you took an obligation; you pledged yourself as an honorable man to do your share toward making the road of the wage-earner of the country one over which he would pass without making too many stops for the purpose of removing obstacles. Probably you had in mind that if you joined a union your conditions would be improved and your compensation increased. All well and good; that is one of the purposes for which unions have been established, but there are other and quite as important objects which trade unionism aims to secure, and none of these objects can be attained without genuine general co-operation on the part of all members of all trades unions. When you ask people to patronize union products, you tacitly admit that you will do likewise for the other fellow, and unless you agree to do and actually do that little thing, what are you going to accomplish?"

"Keep in mind this one big, live fact: If you are unable to obtain the support of wage-earners, you have as much chance of winning improvements as you have of brushing off the

moon with a whiskbroom. Don't exact something from the other fellow that you are unwilling to give up yourself."

E. B. MEYER, B. M.

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## Repair Damage Of Spring Tornado

L. U. 39, CLEVELAND, OHIO—Cleveland is slowly working out of the havoc created by the spectacular tornado which swept portions of the city about 10:00 p. m. June 8th.

Most of the area hit was served by our municipal light plant. Our men worked almost around the clock and by Sunday had everyone back in service. Much of the distribution system is put up temporarily and will take months to completely reinstall.

The amazing thing about the storm was that only nine persons lost their lives. Looking at the property damage one can only recognize that a miracle kept the death toll down.

The Meter Bureau had a smoke stack topple through the roof. Many windows were blown out. One of the pictures shows the hole in the roof. Many buildings in the vicinity were destroyed.

There were two of our Brothers injured during the week. Men were just tired out and getting careless from lack of rest.

Newly elected officers who took office on July 22nd are as follows: president, Herman Derolph; vice president, William Carmichael; recording secretary, George Prymmer; financial secretary, Phillip Matthews; treasurer, Andrew Sebusch; business manager, J. C. Masters; executive board, L. Buchanan, L. Moore, L. Liggett, J. Elliott, R. Hlavin.

J. C. MASTERS, B. M.

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## Member Copes with Tasty Tortoise

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—One of the tales that children of an earlier generation read, or had told to them, was that of the tortoise and the hare. Generally, it was told to emphasize the moral that the winning of a race was not always to the swift. One of our worthy Brothers—Stephen (Sandy) Hassett, is one of those who had heard the story when a child. Even at an early age, he possessed an inquiring nature and so he spent many hours hunting and catching unwary turtles who, apparently, had never heard of the fable. While Brother Hassett did not receive the appellation of "Sandy" because of any pronounced Scotch traits, he does recognize thrift as a godly virtue and so the turtles that Sandy gathered in his net—or whatever it was he used to snare the unwary horny mem-



Brother Lee Roy Sisson, of Local 32, Lima, Ohio, receiving his 50-year scroll from E. B. Meyer, business manager, at right.



bers of the reptile family, found their way into the family soup pot. Naturally, in the course of events, Sandy acquired a taste for turtle soup—of which, I am informed, there is no equal! However, as Sandy collected years—and girth, he found it difficult to play the part of the hare and the family kettle ceased to hold that

peerless dish of an epicure's delight—the crowning glory of gastronomy—turtle soup! But, through the years, Sandy did not forget his taste for turtle soup even though his turtle lore grew rusty and even forgotten. Recently, when a neighbor who had netted two large snapping turtles while fishing in Oneida Lake near

Syracuse, offered them to Sandy, the gourmand's taste was aroused and he envisioned the delights that would be his in disposing of a bowl—or more, of his boyhood's favorite dish. However, many years had elapsed—as you may have already deduced, and Sandy had forgotten the finer points of preparing a turtle for the soup tureen. So, turtles—snappers and all, were loaded into the trunk of his car and he proceeded to work where he inquired from his fellow workers the procedure to use in separating the succulent meat from the turtle's portable dwelling. Many were the suggestions he received that day. It was another craft member—a painter, who explained how the head must first be severed and the body suspended for drainage. Sandy returned home that night and proceeded to put the painter's plan into operation. The following day, after Sandy had left for work, Sandy's wife was horrified to observe the turtles crawling aimlessly around the yard with their necks—minus the head, trailing behind like a mooring rope on a drifting boat! There they remained until Sandy returned home that night when he was instructed in no uncertain terms to remove the headless monstrosities from the yard. Anxious to pacify his indignant spouse but with an ungratified craving for turtle soup, Sandy corralled the headless nomads and carried them to the cellar where he suspended them from a hook in the ceiling and then retired to bed to dream of bowls of soup that rose from the table whenever his spoon approached the dish! The following morning, Sandy descended to the cellar with assurance that the draining process would be completed and his penchant hunger for turtle soup would surely be satisfied that night! But, when he reached the cellar floor and perceived—yes, you have guessed it! The turtles had detached themselves again and had spent the night moving aimlessly around the cellar floor on which their devious path was clearly marked by the streaks left by their trailing appendage! Sandy did not wait for his wife to discover the latest offense but quickly loaded the turtles into the trunk of his car and hurried to work, resolved that he would place the seemingly deathless creatures in the factory incinerator and forever forego his yearning for turtle soup! But our story has a happy ending for, en route to the incinerator, he stopped to recite his tale of woe to a friend in the company cafeteria who, to Sandy's delight, was able to not alone describe how to dispatch and dress the troublesome soup components but, actually, to deliver the coup de grace to the cause of Sandy's woe. So, Sandy's deep freeze unit now holds the principal constituent of turtle soup and some day, when the memory of headless

### *In Wake of Cleveland Tornado*



Above three photos, from Local 39, picture some of the damage caused by tornado which struck Cleveland June 8.



monsters no longer rises to plague Sandy and his good wife, steaming bowls of the luscious food will be served to him and he will be able to gratify his craving for the gourmand's delight—turtle soup!

WILLIAM J. NIGHT, P. S.

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## P. S. is Married In Seattle, Wash.

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—Inasmuch as some of our press secretaries will take this space to discuss politics, religion or the atomic bomb and inasmuch as there is a shortage of newsworthy items, we'll turn this into a society column this month.

As our office news reporter is on his vacation and our wireman's wage negotiations are stalemated due to the Korean Armistice, there isn't much startling to report, so I hope the hometown boys will bear with me while I tell my old Alaskan buddies who are now in Florida and especially Clyde Donovan, who gets his JOURNAL in Arabia, that yours truly has his new house (all 1800 square feet of it) well under way and by the time you read this he will be rolling along the highways headed for the Yellowstone and the Hill Country of South Dakota. Yes, I up and did it—I will be on my honeymoon.

You are all invited to drop in on your next trip through town and I'm sure the little woman should be all prepared for a knut on the new icebox.

KNUTE MALLETT, P. S.

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## Vice President Harback Greets 200 Pensioners

L. U. 48, PORTLAND, ORE.—There

## Seattle Award



Brother Herbert Swim was presented his 50-year pin, scroll and 50-year anniversary coin by International Representative Gene Heiss on June 10, 1953 in the Electrical Workers' auditorium. Brother Swim, former member of Local 46, is a pensioner in the I.B.E.W.

is an old saying that "Silence is Golden" but I haven't been very golden as a few issues have been missed since your scribe has sounded off. Our news is like our Oregon weather—when it rains it pours—and we have had more than our share of it this Summer.

Brother Oscar Harbak, International Vice President for the Ninth District, greeted 22 pensioners at Local 48's Second Annual Pensioners' Dinner which was held June 25, 1953 in the Mirror Room of the F.O.E. Building. Brother Harbak gave an inspiring report of the Ninth District wages and conditions of today as compared with past years. He reported that today we receive \$10 to only \$1 in the years of 1897-8-9 and that 5,000 enjoy pensions today.

Brother Gene Heiss, International Representative, also praised the pensioners for carrying on as they did in the past which we know wasn't very pleasant at times. He also stressed the outstanding apprentice training in which the I.B.E.W. excels all other trades, to educate and help young men of today to be good union men so they can carry on.

Brother William Myers, International Representative, who during his long service on the I. O. staff was well acquainted with a number of the pensioners present, reminisced on old times and conditions in the industry.

Our worthy President John Clothier and Business Manager H. H. Harrison were co-toastmasters and called on the Brothers for a few stories.

A word of praise goes to Chet Craig, our recording secretary, for an outstanding job he took upon himself to get a photo of everyone who attended last year's pensioners' dinner. They were all mounted together for a group picture which was passed out to all the pensioners.

Pensioners attending the dinner were Brothers C. M. Barlow (7-20-26), O. L. Bloomfield (12-15-16), A. F. Sall (4-3-22), Herb Boynton (9-13-06), James C. Caine (10-20-16), W. W. Crabtree (10-20-18), Fred Hackett (6-26-05), Emery Hicks (11-3-16), Clyde Ketchum (8-19-21), Homer Kirkpatrick (2-15-22), R. R. McCarthy (2-21-11), A. E. McCoy (11-18-30), Gordon MacQuarrie (3-22-10), Frank Moyer (7-26-20), Bob Oster (4-2-18), J. H. Richardson (10-20-16), E. L. Sayres (8-27-18), Fred Schrader (6-4-19), Albert Stone (6-11-06), Carl Todd (12-7-28), Jesse True (11-19-21) and W. E. Zingsheim (8-25-03).

A moment of silence was held with the announcing of the death of Brother William S. Belt who passed away since last year's dinner.

## Pensioners Dinner Held at Portland, Ore.



This picture was taken at the Second Annual Local 48 Pensioners' Dinner held June 25, 1953. The names of the pensioners, reading from left to right, back row, are: Robert Oster, A. F. Sall, Albert Stone, Emery Hicks, Homer Kirkpatrick, Clyde Ketchum, C. M. Barlow, Fred L. Schrader, J. H. Richardson, E. L. Sayres, O. L. Bloomfield, James C. Caine; front row: Frank Moyer, Carl E. Todd, Herbert Boynton, F. A. Hackett, Gordon MacQuarrie, W. W. Crabtree, W. E. Zingsheim, Jesse True, R. R. McCarthy and A. E. McCoy.



## Denver Local 68 Organizes Credit Union



Charter applicants with Mr. Clyde Dwyer, Managing Director of the Colorado Credit Union League, conducting the meeting. Bros. De Loss Thompson, Glen Ellenberger, Leo A. Freeman, Henry Conrad, James Goodrich (hidden), Hess Diercks (making nominations for nominating committee), Emil Benson, Emil Souda and Mr. Clyde Dwyer. Bros. Glen Smith and Roger Haney, of this group, were out of the city at the time.



The Board of Directors with Mr. Clyde Dwyer, Managing Director of Colorado Credit Union League. Left to right: Mr. Dwyer, Bros. De Loss Thompson, Director and Vice-President; Glen Ellenberger, Director; E. Ted Winterburn, Director and Clerk; Leo A. Freeman, Director and Treasurer and Harold M. Patterson, Director and President.



Supervisory and Credit Committees. Bros. Hubert Harrison, Joseph Carlson and Henry Conrad of the Supervisory Committee; and Bros. Raymond Kukol and James Goodrich of the Credit Committee. Brother William Bobby of the Credit Committee was out of the city.



Myron Bailey, President of Local Union 68, whose name was drawn first in the drawing for low numbered Pass Books, receives his card from the temporary clerk of the meeting. The Board of Directors met after the meeting.

Photos by Bro. Carl Peterson

The officers of Local 48 and yours truly were also present to enjoy the dinner and hear the stories.

Brother Gene Heiss also attended our June local union meeting to present Brother Bill Zingsheim a 50-year pin, scroll and card. Bill was congratulated for carrying his card and keeping it in good standing through the tough periods and depressions.

ELDON L. KELLAS, P. S.

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### Officers Installed By Quincy Local

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—July 6, we

held the regular monthly meeting. It was also the time for installation of officers. Being the only past president available in the hall, I was asked to do the honors. After the installation, the first order of business was the appointment of delegates and committees. Also, I was again asked to continue as press secretary, which I accepted for the next term.

In the July issue of the *WORKER*, there were two articles that interested me very much—first, regarding the business manager and shop steward working hand-in-hand to watch working conditions and the men on the jobs. Secondly, the story of the Cigar Makers, as this took me back

to my boyhood days, for my father was a cigar maker and operated his own shop. I stripped tobacco for him, and the pictures in the *WORKER* of the old man rolling cigars by hand brings a reminder of my dad doing the same thing. I can see him sitting at the table with his cutting block, cigar cutter and paste pot just like the photographs.

On July 18, the local gave its annual picnic under the chairmanship of Brother Joseph Bocke and his able assistants, Tony Hartzell, Bob Lepper and Forrest Cassidy. The usual menu of chicken, with all the trimmings went for dinner, followed by ham for supper. Entertainment consisted of



card games and horse shoes and quite an enjoyable time was had by everyone who attended the picnic which ran late in the evening as we are travelling on Daylight Saving Time. I will send pictures next time.

In regard to coming business, there are some applications to be taken up at the next meeting; also some are to become members. Work here in Quincy has been going along at a very good rate—some of the bigger jobs have started and at least some will be busy for a little time.

R. H. LUBBERING, P. S.

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## Local 68 Finds New Credit Union

L. U. 68, DENVER, COLO.—On Wednesday evening, July 1, 1953, the members of L. U. 68 took another step toward a better future by organizing a credit union. It will be known as the Electrical Federal Credit Union. This credit unit will be available to all members of Local 68, to their families and to employees of L. U. 68 and of the credit union itself. Mr. Clyde Dwyer, managing director of the Colorado Credit Union League, worked with the committee which did the ground work. Mr. Dwyer also conducted the organization meeting.

As directors of the new credit union, the meeting elected: Brothers Leo A. Freeman, Harold M. Patterson, DeLoss Thompson, E. Ted Winterburn, Glen Ellenberger.

To serve on the Credit Committee those chosen were: Brothers James R. Goodrich, William D. Bobby, Raymond M. Kukol.

Selected for the Supervisory Committee were: Brothers Henry J. Conrad, Joseph A. Carlson, Hubert R. Harrison.

An unexpected incident occurred in the drawing for low numbered pass books when the name of the president of Local Union 68, Myron Bailey of 1123 Clayton Street, was first drawn. Honest, folks, the drawing was on the square.

After adjournment of the general meeting, a meeting of the board of directors was held. The board elected, as president, Harold M. Patterson; as vice president, DeLoss Thompson; as Treasurer, Leo A. Freeman and as clerk, E. Ted Winterburn.

These officers will serve until the first membership meeting of 1954, as will also the others elected to the Credit and Supervisory Committees.

Offices of the Credit Union will be located later, but without doubt, space will be rented in the I.B.E.W. Building at 901 E. 17th Ave., Denver, Colo.

The photographs accompanying this article were taken by Brother Carl Peterson.

F. HESS DIERCKS,  
for the Credit Union Committee.

## Seattle Local 77 Opens New Home

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—On Saturday, June 27th, Local Union 77 dedicated its new home at 1718 Melrose Avenue, Seattle 22, Washington. The local union has moved its offices six times in the past 12 years. This, together with the desire to own their own home, prompted the officers of the local union to construct quarters suitable to take care of the needs of the local for many years to come.

The building is of Roman brick, reinforced concrete and concrete block construction, utilizing a considerable amount of architectural glass. Natural lighting for the central area is supplied by a sloping roof with windows facing toward the north which furnishes soft north lighting. The building has 6,400 square feet of usable area with the business manager's, and the assistant's, offices, together with the Executive Board, Examining Board, and the stationery rooms. The fire-proof vault sufficiently large to accommodate all the local records, opens directly off the work area. The southern part of the building has an auditorium capable of seating 300. Off the main entrance is the men's lounge for construction workers. The building cost \$53,000 with an additional \$15,000 for the lot.

The festivities started on the afternoon of Saturday, June 27th with a Smorgasbord luncheon from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Member Ted Munson supervised the food and service. The officers and business staff greeted the visitors as they arrived at the main entrance. KING TV provided closed circuit TV so every new arrival could play his particular role for the enjoyment of

everyone throughout the building by way of strategically placed television sets.

The formal dedication was at 7:30 p.m. with Business Manager Lloyd C. Smith giving the dedication address. Many kind and deeply appreciated remarks were made by the other speakers who were: Councilman Carol, representing Mayor Pomeroy who was unable to attend; Ed Weston, president, Washington State Federation of Labor; Charles Foehn, International Executive Council Member; and Oscar G. Harbak, International Vice President for the Ninth District. President H. S. Silvernale of Local Union 77 presided and made the introductions.

The KING TV closed circuit television arrangement made it possible for the overflow crowd to see and hear the dedication program and entertainment in the adjoining office space. Many photographs and pictures were furnished through the courtesy of various public utilities throughout the State of Washington.

The following is a letter received as an answer to a plea for blood donors:

"Brother L. C. Smith:

With great pride I wish to inform you of the blood donation in our area. The program called for 77-106 A and BA to furnish donors Thursday, July 9th. Brother Danny Jacobs was appointed to head the drive; he is also Shop Steward for the uptown A Group. His quota was 20 pints but through the generosity of the group he not only met his quota but went over 6 pints. I wish to thank all Brothers who donated and also Brother Danny Jacobs for their cooperative spirit and fine job. The willing

## ADDRESS CHANGED?



Brothers, we want you to have your JOURNAL! When you have a change in address, please let us know. Be sure to include your old address and please don't forget to fill in L. U. and Card No. This information will be helpful in checking and keeping our records straight.

Name .....

L. U. ....

Card No. ....

NEW ADDRESS .....

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OLD ADDRESS .....

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(Zone No.)

Mail to: Editor, Electrical Workers' Journal  
1200 15th Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

140-1072





New home of Local Union 77 I.B.E.W., 1718 Melrose Ave., Seattle



At left, a Group of Officers of I.B.E.W. Left to right: Art Kent, Executive Board member, Local 77; H. S. Silvernale, President Local 77; Charles Foehn, International Executive Council member; O. G. Harbak, Ninth District Vice President; Joe F. Flynn, Recording Secretary, Local 77; Gene Heiss, International Representative Ninth District; Lloyd C. Smith, Business Manager and Financial Secretary, Local Union 77. At right, Ed Weston, President Washington State Federation of Labor (left) congratulating President of Local Union 77, H. S. Silvernale, and Business Manager, Financial Secretary of Local Union 77, Lloyd C. Smith.



International Vice President, Ninth District, O. G. Harbak delivering address. Others left to right: Councilman, Charles M. Carroll, representing Mayor Pomeroy, Ed Weston, President Washington State Federation of Labor, H. S. Silvernale, President Local Union 77 and Lloyd C. Smith, Business Manager and Financial Secretary Local Union 77.

Carl Shores, Dan Jacobs, Art Symonds, Al Luff, Ralph Williams, M. Clayton, Pete Meyer, Bill Crocket, Bill Secor, Earl Gordon, Uno Siltenen, Ken Lien, Leo Teig.

/s/ R. W. Henderson,  
Chairman 77-106 A

Other units of Local 77 please note.  
J. M. HAMMOND, P. S.

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## Esso Plans Plant For Norfolk Area

**L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.**—Greetings from Local 80. Work remains about normal in this area of Tidewater, Virginia. The abundance of contracts awarded (mentioned in our last installment) won't be out of the ground for an appreciable length of time. However, there's still enough work for normal activity (we hope) until that time arrives.

The Esso Standard Oil Company has purchased 800 acres of waterfront land in West Norfolk for a total of \$573,381 for potential use

Brothers who donated are: Don Bornstedt, Jim McKnight, W. Conley, Sid Nelson, Ben Fisher, G. Shotswell,

Ottis Klockner, Jim Tatum, Jim McCorkle, Gordon McGreevy, Chuck Comstock, Cecil Miller, Ron Fanning,



as a refinery. However, company officials have stated that Esso has no immediate plans for building a refinery at West Norfolk, but may eventually put up a plant there costing as much as \$50,000,000 and employing about 500 persons.

We extend sincere sympathy to the survivors of former Secretary of Labor, Maurice J. Tobin, one time Democratic Governor of Massachusetts and twice Mayor of Boston, whose death, July 19th resulted in labor's loss of one of its truest and most noble friends.

We quote in part an Associated Press release from New York of July fourth: "A list of the 100 largest corporations in point of sales and revenues in 1952 is compiled today by the National City Bank of New York. The list ranges from Standard Brands' 383 million dollar sales total to General Motors' 7½ billion, a sum the auto company says it'll top this year. Twenty-eight other companies besides G.M. topped the one billion dollar sales mark last year. The 100 companies—in the fields of manufacturing, trade, transportation and public utilities—took in a total of 102 billion dollars of your money last year."

In passing, it's only reasonable to note that these fabulous sums were not amassed by either faction single handedly but by the concerted efforts of both big business and labor combined. There still seems to be no equitable solution to this code called rugged individualism. However, no fair-minded individual can continually ignore the humane plea of there being at least a moral concept within the term "live and let live" with an added virtue, in the case of economic stability. Will big business ever awaken (or does it care) to the universally established fact that the "know-how" and "brawn" of labor is actually the backbone of our entire economic structure and that by vitalizing this indispensable spine (when all is said and done) will have actually strengthened its own? It is futile to accept as sound economic judgment the idyllic theory that has been passed on to "the people." This theory that a living wage creates depression is in reality only an expedient to the furtherance of capitalistic practices. Within their idle boast of financial conquest lies a hidden evil, the "declared dividend." Is there any wonder that labor—the rightfully deserving co-worker—must continually fight, year in and year out, for a living wage while the totally consuming and non-producing faction (stockholders) without lawful restraint, calmly apply the lion's share to "declared dividends?"

Well, we guess we'd better lay off any further comment on these poor little rich guys before Joe McCarthy investigates us with his no-member

committee on the charge of being a commie.

JOE HOCKMAN, P. S.

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## Interesting Suggestion From N. J. Pensioner

L. U. 102, PATERSON, N. J.—I received a letter from one of our pensioned members whose ideas, I think, are in accordance with those of many of the Brothers of the I.B.E.W. and particularly my own. I have hopes that after you read this letter that

### Seabee of Month



Donald L. Keyser, 38, L. U. 311, IBEW, who is affiliated with the Naval Reserve Construction Battalion Division W-2 in Washington, D. C. has been designated "Seabee of the Month." Brother Keyser was selected for this honor because of his enthusiastic participation in the Seabee Reserve program, his superior performance of duty with his division, and his completion of courses which increased his value as a member of the Seabees.

A Chief Petty Officer, he has taken the Electrical and Uniform Code of Military Justice correspondence courses. Early this year he was on active duty for 15 days at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C., completing the Instructor Training Course. He is currently serving as instructor for his division; and is enrolled in the Officers' Correspondence Course.

In October 1952, Brother Keyser passed the examination for Chief Electrician General with the excellent comparative score of 4.0.

Born in Brewer, Maine and reared in New Jersey, Brother Keyser for the past 12 years has been employed by the Special Service Company as a wireman for passenger cars. In addition to this regular employment, he works part time on weekends, and manages to take part in most of his divisions' weekend group training duty periods.

Brother Keyser makes his home in Washington, D. C. with his wife, Lucy, and two children.

you publicize it in our JOURNAL so that the membership may read it.

The letter is as follows:

"Being a pensioned member of Local No. 102 I.B.E.W. I have received my pension very promptly since applying for the same. I am very thankful that us old timers are being taken care of by our International and the pension we receive helps to pay to our cost of living, but as this cost keeps rising it becomes harder for us pensioners to pay the price as we are unable to ask or demand a raise in our Social Security or pensions.

"Our I.B.E.W. rules prevent us from doing any electrical work of any kind while we are on pension and although the Social Security law allows us to earn \$75 per month, we are unable to get work even at that rate, our age being against us.

"In my spare time I often sit and think about my working days and I certainly miss the companionship of my old fellow workers.

"Now Brothers, a thought occurred to me that if our International Office would allow our business managers to give us pensioners enough work to enable us to earn the \$75 per month which the Social Security law allows, it would be of great help to all of us.

"For example myself and wife receive from the Social Security \$111.40 per month and the I.B.E.W. pension \$50 per month making a total of \$161.40.

"If the above idea could be put into effect the added \$75 per month would then be \$161.40 plus \$75 making a total of \$236.40 per month which would make it a great deal easier for the members who are on pension to meet the greater cost of living.

"I trust the above will meet with the kindest consideration and merit the approval of our International officers.

Joseph Hamer,  
Pensioned Member of Local 102  
I.B.E.W., Paterson, N. J."

I personally think there is merit to Brother Hamer's letter and would appreciate whatever aid you could give us in having it publicized throughout the Brotherhood.

SAMUEL MOSCOWITZ, B. M.

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## Increase Won in Take-Home Pay

L. U. 110, ST. PAUL, MINN.—Effective June 15, 1953, journeymen and apprentice wiremen covered by the contract between Local 110 and the St. Paul Chapter, NECA will receive 15 cents per hour increase, take-home pay. This is in addition to the 10 cents per hour local union members have been receiving since January 1, 1953 toward paid vacations.



# PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



William O. Hurtado

This month a correspondent from one of our Pacific Coast locals has been singled out for our salute as press secretary of the month. The Brother is William O. Hurtado of L. U. 595 of Oakland, California, who for many months has been sending us his lively, interesting contributions for the "Local Lines" section of our JOURNAL.

Brother Bill, as he prefers to be called, was born in the Midwest, in the state of Illinois, but spent the

best part of his childhood in Memphis, Tennessee. He said from an early age he was interested in electricity and as soon as he was old enough he took the L. L. Cooke engineering course. His first job was with the Fowler Electric Company in Memphis in 1926, at which time he joined the IBEW. For a time he also worked with the Memphis Power and Light Company.

During the depression, Brother Hurtado said that his wife and he toured the country, finally settling in Oakland in 1937. There he rejoined the Brotherhood as a member of L. U. 595.

Brother Bill Hurtado says that he has tried several trades in his lifetime but likes electrical construction best. And he has tried going into business for himself on several occasions but finds he is happiest as a working member of a good progressive union, and he adds that "for an assured future, it cannot be beaten. I am proud of the personal benefits that have accrued to me because of my affiliation with the IBEW."

And we are proud of you, Brother Bill Hurtado and your sincere efforts which are contributing monthly toward making our JOURNAL a better magazine. Good luck and keep up the good work.

The above benefits and wage increases have been negotiated with a minimum of friction and without having to submit to arbitration.

Members covered by this agreement now have a take-home rate of \$2.80 per hour, plus 26 cents per hour divided between the holiday, vacation and health and welfare funds.

This local is very fortunate in being able to present a united front at all times and when the business manager and Negotiating Committee represent the membership at the bargaining meetings, conclusive action can be taken because the contractors know that the membership is not divided and agreements will be accepted by the membership.

During the past 10 years, Business Manager Brett and the Negotiating committees have been able to gain the following raises and benefits:

5/1/43	\$1.35	per hour
5/1/44	1.50	per hour
5/1/45	1.65	per hour
5/1/46	1.85	per hour
5/5/47	2.06	per hour
5/1/48	2.21	per hour
5/1/49	2.35	per hour
5/1/50	.06	per hour into Welfare Fund
1/1/51	2.50	per hour
5/1/51	2.58½	per hour
10/1/51	2.65	per hour

5/1/52	.04	per hour additional into Welfare Fund
5/1/52	.06	per hour into Holiday Fund
1/1/53	.10	per hour into Vacation Fund
6/15/53	2.80	per hour

The \$2.80 per hour take-home pay, plus the 26 cents per hour for health and welfare, holiday and vacation fund, and the one per cent per hour for Pension plan now brings Local Union 110's scale to \$3.08 per hour.

L. U. 110 was saddened recently by the passing of a long-time union member, Brother James F. Roach.

A native of Windsor, Missouri, Mr. Roach came to Minnesota in the early 1920s and was active in Rochester before he came to St. Paul. He was initiated into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 110, July 10, 1928, and immediately became active in that organization. He was a member of Local No. 110's executive board for over 20 years, served as a delegate to the Building and Construction Trades Council for a number of years and was president of the council for several terms. He represented Local 110 as a delegate to the Trades and Labor Assembly, the Minnesota State Electricians Council, the Minnesota State

Federation of Labor and to conventions of the International. For the past nine years he had been an instructor in the electrical course at Vocational school.

JOHN FRANKLIN, P. S.

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## Refresher Course For Local Officers

L. U. 120, LONDON, ONT.—A very successful refresher course for officers and delegates from local unions for the discussion and consideration of basic trade union problems with the help of skilled leadership, designed and promoted in cooperation with the local Trades Council and the Ontario Provincial Federation of Labour by the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, was held at the Labour Temple in London, Ontario on June 19th and 20th.

The course was the first of its kind held in Canada and in spite of the extreme heat, 98 degrees in the shade, it was well attended and all present indicated that they were well satisfied with the manner in which the course was conducted. The first morning, after an address of welcome by the Council president, William Webb, there was a lengthy discourse on the Workmen's Compensation Act conducted by John F. Cauley, vice chairman, Compensation Board, assisted by two senior members of his staff, G. Fortune and C. Williams. The assembly then broke up into three groups for the study of the following topics: Group 1—Shop Stewardship, conducted by Max Swerdlow. Group 2—Local Union Administration, conducted by G. G. Cushing. Group 3—Procedure at Meetings, conducted by L. E. Wismer.

After lunch we were addressed by James E. Metzler, deputy minister of labour. His subject was "Conciliation" and he was ably assisted by his chief conciliation officer W. Dunn.

The various groups then reconvened for further study of their chosen topics. In the evening, an excellent dinner was served to the speakers, the delegates and their wives. The dinner was served in the dining room of the new addition to the Beal Technical School and it was the first chance many of us had to see how our education tax dollar is being spent. Chairman for the dinner was William Jenoves, vice president of the National Congress, and the principal speakers were J. B. Metzler, deputy minister of labour, A. MacArthur, president, Ontario Provincial Federation of Labour and G. G. Cushing, general secretary treasurer, Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.

The following morning we met again at the Labour Temple at 9:30 a.m. and the entire group was ad-



dressed by Max Swerdlow, director of organization and education, Trades and Labour Congress of Canada. His subject was "Collective Bargaining" and he covered the matter ably and thoroughly. The groups then divided for their various study classes. After lunch we were addressed by J. F. Dwyer of the Regional Employment Office and also by F. R. Girardot, regional insurance officer, and they were assisted by Mr. J. P. Ryan, manager of the local employment office. Their subjects "Unemployment" and "Unemployment Insurance."

The remainder of the day was spent in a questions and answer period and a recapitulation and appraisal of the subjects covered by the course. To get the full benefit from this course, one should be at least a triple personality, as there were three study groups and all handled interesting subjects. However Local 120 was well represented, as we had four delegates attending the course and were able to cover the situation very well. Those delegates from Local 120 are to be commended in that they gave up two glorious days of sunshine, two full free days, when they might have been at the summer cottage, at the beach, swimming, fishing, golfing or doing whatever electricians do on their days off, but there is no doubt that the knowledge gained by their sacrifice of two leisure days will be to the benefit of Local 120.

THOMAS HINDLEY, P. S.

### Praises Contractors' Progressive Spirit

L. U. 124, KANSAS CITY, MO.—As a follow up to recent advertisements in *Fortune* and *News Week* magazines by the National Electrical Contractor's Association, the local chapter of NECA has issued a series of letters to all industrial plants and users of electricity in this area expounding the merits and economy of having their electrical work done by qualified contractors who employ only highly skilled engineers and mechanics. On the margin of each letter is a list of NECA (fair) contractors in the area. The circulars are beautiful examples of the printer's art and the subject matter is clear and logical and already are showing results in increased business and, naturally, employment. However, the letters are only one of the advertising mediums being used in the chapter's \$10,000 publicity campaign. L. U. 124 appreciates the progressive spirit of our contractors and their executive secretary, Mr. G. A. Scheffer, in inaugurating this campaign which can only result in steadier employment.

During the recent Kansas City hearing by Clare Hoffman's Congressional Committee, the Congressmen were visibly impressed by the testi-

mony of Business Manager Harvey that there had been no major disagreement for 38 years between L. U. 124 and the electrical contractors.

As this piece goes into the mail, comes news of the signing of the Korean Armistice. Good news surely, if it were signed by men of good will. But, Communists being what they are, it is an uneasy peace at best. As it directly affects this local, the drafting of eligible men will go on, and our guess is that the five major projects here will be completed.

MARSHALL LEAVITT, P. S.

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### Officers Obligated In Philadelphia Local

L. U. 126, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—At

the regular meeting of Local Union No. 126, held on Tuesday, July 9, 1953, we were privileged to have in attendance Vice-President Liggett who obligated the officers recently elected to serve two year terms. The officers elected are as follows:

Business Manager and Financial Secretary Charles E. Hendrick, President Howard Grabert, Vice-President Valentine O'Connor, Recording Secretary Theodore Brennecke, Treasurer George Conaway.

Executive Board: Thomas Parker, Malcolm Cross, Eugene Conaway, Ted Naughton, Benjamin Petroski, Joseph Blazes.

Examining Board: William Barnes, Casper Bagley, Alex Kudrick.

The members gave a rising vote of thanks to the outgoing officers for the manner in which they performed

### Local 126 Obligates Officers



From left: Al Kudrick, William Barnes, Examining Board; Thomas Parker, Joseph Blazes, Executive Board; Valentine O'Connor, Vice-President; Eugene Conaway, Executive Board; Charles Hendrick, Business Manager and Financial Secretary; Theodore Brennecke, Recording Secretary; Casper Bagley, Examining Board; Benjamin Petroski, Executive Board; Howard Grabert, President; George Conaway, Treasurer; Nathan Charles, and Joseph Liggett, International Vice-President, 3rd District. Ted Naughton and Malcolm Cross were unable to attend the ceremony.



A fifty-year pin is presented by Local 126, Philadelphia. From left: Theodore Brennecke, Recording Secretary; Howard Grabert, President; Fred Tatman, Business Manager; Joseph Liggett, Vice-President, 3rd District; Nathan "Kid" Charles and Charles E. Hendrick, Business Manager elect.



their duties. Vice President Liggett spoke on the democratic processes by which officers are elected and urged the members to support the officers for the duration of their terms.

Vice President Liggett presented Nathan "Kid" Charles with a 50-year pin and scroll, on behalf of the International Officers. We were honored to have our Vice President make this presentation and proud of Brother Charles, one of our members. Nathan Charles was obligated into the Brotherhood by Local Union 21 of Philadelphia in 1903, and having had his traveler in various locals, he bestowed a great honor upon our local by being a member of this local when his fiftieth anniversary as a member of the Brotherhood was celebrated.

At a dinner given in Brother Charles' honor the night before the presentation, he reminisced about the "old days." He spoke of how the present day working conditions and wages have surpassed the wildest dreams of years ago and how today's dreams will become the realities of tomorrow, provided we do not become lulled into a state of complacency.

This writer agrees wholeheartedly and thinks that perhaps now would be a good time to take stock of the many benefits actually given to us by "Kid" Charles and the hosts of others like him—unknown to us and unsung. These are the members of the Brotherhood who stood long on the sacrifice side and short on the benefit side; we reap the benefits and complain of every little sacrifice.

We should in fairness to them and for the heritage they pass on, rededicate ourselves to the objects of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and in the words of "Kid" Charles, "Take our hats off to the past and our coats off to the future."

We want to thank Brother Carl Scholtz, of Baltimore, for the many kindnesses bestowed upon Nathan Charles, who now resides in Baltimore.

Our annual outing which will be held August 16 promises to be a good one. We know those who were in the company of Malcolm Cross when the goddess of luck smiled on him, will be there to see her reaction this year.

We are at the present time enjoying full employment and have several visiting Brothers working in our jurisdiction.

HOWARD GRABERT, B. M.

## Retiree Harrison Feted in Pittsburgh

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—On Wednesday, July 8, a group of the members and management personnel gathered to honor the retirement of Ben Harrison. Ben was presented

## Boiler Gang



Portion of boiler gang working in No. 23 Boiler at B1. They're members of Local 142, Pittsburgh, Pa.

with a purse and we all wished him many years of retirement. Ben was on the guard force and therefore was on a withdrawal card from the local for some time. Ben told me something I think a lot of our members did not know. I had seen the IBEW tattoo on his left arm and asked him about it. He told me he was working in the Indian Territory of Oklahoma in 1906—that was before it became a state—and helped to form an IBEW local in McAllister. He worked there until 1910 when he came to Pittsburgh. In 1911 he started to work for the Pittsburgh Railways on Brunots Island. As far as I know, that makes Ben the oldest of our people to belong to the IBEW. Good luck and best wishes to Brother Harrison on his retirement.

The Blood Service Committee, following the action taken at the local meeting, will call on blood donors in the order they are listed on the list. This action is necessary because so many of our people have been looking for excuses for not donating blood when they are asked. You must have a legitimate excuse or your name will be removed from the list. There is nothing serious

### Correction

An error occurred on page 88 of our JOURNAL last month. An item in our "Local Lines" section stated "Five Per cent Raise for Chicago Local 1399".

The letter was received from Local 1339 of Buffalo and should have so read in the JOURNAL. We apologize for the error.

about giving a pint of your blood and it takes very little of your time. You could be the next one to need this service and I don't think you would like it if everyone you asked had some excuse for not helping you. Let's all cooperate in this service and give when it is your turn.

The picture shown with this article is part of the Boiler Gang working in No. 23 Boiler at B1. The picture is through the courtesy of Dick Price, boiler engineer.

If you are smart enough to know which is good advice and which is bad, you know enough to rely entirely on your own judgment.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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## 15c an Hour Won By Decatur Local

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—Members of Local 146 will be happy to know that an amicable understanding has been reached regarding the unions' request for an increase in wages with the renewal of the agreement with union electrical contractors. A 15-cent-per-hour raise, bringing the journeyman's scale to \$2.90 per hour, goes into effect on August 21, the anniversary date of our contract renewal.

The established rate of double time for all over eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one week still remains in effect also, although the contractors were reluctant to continue this penalty on overtime. The union representatives stressed the fact that this rate was intended to discourage the practice of long, wearying hours, and rather encourage the employment of more men, thus spreading the work to other deserving Brothers.

As recording secretary, it was my privilege to sit in on the negotiations just concluded, and I wish to inform the Brothers that I was impressed with the businesslike and gentlemanly way in which meetings were conducted. It was a pleasure to record the actions of the Negotiating Committee, where each group respected the rights and opinions of the other group. It is a far cry from the old knock-down, drag-out type of gathering which all too often ended with bitter words and bad feeling.

We were unfortunate on our annual union picnic, which fell on the same date as the recent anti-polio drive, when all children in Macon County under 10 years of age were given gamma globulin shots free of charge. The committee had no way of foreseeing this unexpected turn of events, which naturally cut down somewhat on the usual large attendance at this popular affair. The weather man favored us with a typical picnic day, as far as weather was concerned,



and all present seemed to enjoy the musical entertainment, refreshments and door prizes which were distributed to the lucky winners as their numbers were drawn. The committee refrained from sponsoring strenuous contests for the children, on the advice of various physicians, who pointed out that over-taxing youngsters' strength left them more susceptible to polio.

In an effort to make our regular union meetings more comfortable to attend during the extremely hot weather, it has been recommended that the local purchase a one ton air-conditioner unit for the main hall. This unit would only be operated on the nights that meetings are held, as the offices are taken care of by a new three-quarter ton unit, which has proven very satisfactory.

To members who have not been attending recent union meetings, it may be news that Local 146 is considering the purchase of a plot of ground north of the city, if re-zoning can be arranged. By this time next year Local 146 may be well on the way towards owning its own permanent home. Here's hoping!

We neglected to mention that Jerry Baldus and wife from Chicago attended our picnic, as has been their custom for the past several years. Springfield's Business Agent Carl Bitschenauer and his wife also were present and we were indeed happy to see that Carl is looking and feeling well again after his recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steele, now living at Santa Ana, California, were probably the visitors farthest from home in attendance. Pop Runyan and Mrs. Runyan also appeared to enjoy themselves.

Mystery: Who was the gay blade who looked so long at a beautiful blonde that he forgot he had a burning match in one hand and so got a big blister on the end of his finger? Any parties interested in knowing the identity of this Lothario may get the information by sending a self-addressed envelope to this office.

Our hard-working business manager is going to take a little time off starting Saturday, August 1st. He will take his wife, daughter, and son-in-law, Mervil Logue, and grandson Larry. **BON VOYAGE!**

It has been reported that Bill Dixon is making good progress at the sanitarium. Frank Koontz is not doing quite so well with his broken leg, and the doctor says it will be four to six months before he can return to work. Clyde Odle and Earl Brookshier are back on the job again, but both will have to take it easy.

If you have any pictures or news you would like to have included in the next issue will you please contact me, or leave them at the union office and we will try to oblige.

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

## Congratulations to Party Committeemen

**L. U. 150, WAUKEGAN, ILL.**—Now that the excitement is over for a time—social events, election of officers, etc.—I find time to let you know how things are going in Local 150.

Our annual party, which we held in June, went over big with the boys and reflects well on the two boys who made the arrangements, Brothers George Vanderhie and Elmer (Spike) Spycola. They are naturals when it comes to running parties. In appreciation, we made George president, and "Spike" we put on the Executive Board, and gave them other duties. George is going to make a good president and "Spike" is the right kind of fellow for the Executive Board, young and full of pep. We made quite a few changes this election, and it was a hard one to vote on. All the fellows were good. The retirement of our former business manager with a run of 13 years in that office, opened the starting gate for a new one. Brother Walter Schroeder was elected, winning by a nose in a field of three. It was a photo finish with no advantages on the nose size. Brother Norman Molador was elected vice president; Walter Benson was reelected financial secretary, and Al Panowski was reelected recording secretary and press secretary. Our Apprentice School is still going strong and by the time Brother Paul Rodor is through with them they should be good electricians. They have every chance now to learn a good trade, and should be eager to learn. Of course they are young and the nights are warm, but this I say to all apprentices. "There'll be other nights so get down to business now."

We are sure building up our membership and it's good to see so many coming to the meetings and willing to take an active part on committees, etc. It's encouraging to the officers too, knowing that the membership is interested in what's going on. As our president said, "It is not the officers alone who run the local, but you fellows at the meetings who have the last word."

We are all busy and the old town of Waukegan (Little Fort as it was once called) is expanding rapidly and so are the taxes.

We were all sorry to lose Brother Ames. He was a good business manager and well liked—a good union man. We wish him all happiness.

ALBERT PANOWSKI, P. S.

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## Picnic at Local's Outing Reserve

**L. U. 175, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.**—Local 175 held its Fourth of July

all-day barbecue picnic at the recreation spot on Lake Chickamauga owned and developed by the local.

President C. A. Brown presented service pins and certificates to eligible members. Those awarded 35-year pins were C. A. Frost and R. L. Templin. Twenty-five year pins were presented to: A. E. Butler, Ed Carroll, W. L. Cooper, E. E. Crosby, J. D. Kennedy, E. E. McDaniel, Charles H. Proffitt, R. O. Shellabarger, J. G. Stansell. Fifty-four members received 15-year pins.

Hundreds of members and their families spent the day swimming, boating and fishing at the 27-acre recreation spot purchased by the local at a TVA auction more than two years ago.

Opening of the recreation and vacation spot was celebrated in June a year ago, with a picnic for members of L. U. 175 and their families. At the picnic, names were drawn for 35 lake-front lots made available for members to build private cottages.

A lodge, known as Club 175, has been built for use of the members by the local on a heavily wooded slope overlooking the lake on a 3,000-foot shoreline. It has, besides a recreation room with a fireplace, a completely furnished kitchen, rest rooms, a well and pump with generator, a juke box, electric lighting and heat.

Besides union parties, the recreation spot is open to members of the local for private parties. All rules and regulations concerning development and control of the property are in the hands of the local's Board of Trustees.

Members of the auxiliary assist in planning suppers, square dances and other entertainment.

PRESS SECRETARY.

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## Strikes Affect Local 180 Members, Vallejo

**L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.**—Sometimes it just doesn't pay to get up in the morning. Here we are, having completed our negotiations very successfully and having lost neither working time nor any of our friendly relationship with our contractors. We are ready to breathe a sigh of freedom when—bang!—what happen? The laborers have contract trouble and close down a majority of the jobs in our area. Then, when they get partially straightened out, several other crafts begin to go through the same contract capers. So, instead of breathing a sigh of freedom, we breathe in big gulps to live on, (it's still free) hoping to get back to earning something just a little more substantial to live on soon. Oh! woe is us!

However, it's not really as bad as that. Several of our larger jobs—all



## Chattanooga Local's Picnic



Members of the arrangements committee at Local 175's Fourth of July picnic. Left to right: E. E. Crosby, C. A. Brown, Earl Burnette and son, "Chuck," Vergil Clark, Hubert Houston. Supervising serving of the barbecue by employees of City Meat Market, is Herbert Gilreath of Meatcutters Local 600.



Picnickers during intermittent showers at the all-day Fourth of July picnic held at Club 175 recreation lodge on Chickamauga Lake.



Part of the 3,000-foot shoreline on Lake Chickamauga where Club 175 is located and where members of Local 175 are building individual cottages.

prime contract jobs—have continued to work, and there is every evidence that the other crafts have won a resounding victory. When they do win, we can take a big measure of satisfaction in knowing we have played a part in that victory.

We are just concluding a very successful membership drive for Civil Service wiremen and helpers. Some 25 new members have been obligated, which is a good increase for a local union of our size, representing, as it does, an increase of about 6 percent. We would like to have you help us welcome the following new Brothers:

Richard Rowan, Herbert Buckelew, Elden Brown, John Bradley, George Murrell, Ralph Greifeld, Homer Kinikin, Arthur Robinett, A. G. Ratley, Henry Sevier, Frank Smith, Arthur Langwell, Franklin Yuha, George

Trombley, William Hanson, Jefferson Rawls, Walter Messner, Martin Shireman, Clarence Maxwell and Raymond Lemley. Melvin Evans was later obligated. Also, eight apprentices were accepted as having completed their six months probation: K. Breckenridge, Gilbert Meyers, J. E. Pate, Frank Bratcher, Thomas Jones, John Larrimore, Ivan Smith and Jack Headley.

Our Entertainment Committee, under the able chairmanship of Brother Kenneth Hahn, is very busy planning our annual outdoor picnic which will be held the latter part of August at Lokoya Lodge.

Our Negotiating Committee is working on a Health and Welfare Plan to be included in new negotiations. So, I guess—

The sun is shining,  
The skies are blue;  
We're on the upswing—  
The same to you.

D. V. McCARTY, P. S.

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## Interesting Sidelights On Charter Member

### L. U. 185, HELENA, MONTANA—

In the account of our Golden Anniversary celebration last month, we mentioned briefly the remarks of our charter member Fred W. Utter. Space would not permit a full report of all the interesting things Brother Utter told us. We bring you more of them this month.

Len Allen, one of the early members, founded the Allen Electric and many of the members worked for him on various jobs as well as the State Capitol, Broadwater Plunge, etc.

As there were Union Members of the Stone Masons, Plasterers and Interior Decorators, Cooks and Waiters, Carpenters, Brewery Workers and Bartenders in town, they organized The Trades and Labor Council.

When the Trades and Labor Council was organized all the unions affiliated. At first the members were not working under written contracts and sometimes the employees quite suddenly approached the employers with demands for improved conditions or wage adjustments.

The first stabilizing influence of the unions on their members occurred after employees working at a Brick kiln dropped tools and let the fires go out. Brother Utter who was acting as a business agent for the Council was sent out to ascertain the facts and if possible effect an adjustment. The superintendent of the kiln plant promptly stuck a shotgun in his abdomen and marched him off the premises. One of the Kessler family, who by the way employed all union labor, talked to the superintendent who then allowed Utter to talk to the men. He reprimanded them and they resumed work. At the next meeting of the council a resolution was passed to the effect that "all disputes would be submitted to the council for deliberation before any stoppages would be tolerated." This stabilized the employees, lessened the employers' difficulties and thus the employers' respect for the unions increased.

At this time there was insufficient clearance between conductors on the power lines and many Electrical Workers were being injured and killed, consequently the members became alarmed and proposed an Overhead Electrical Safety law.

The bill proposed at the first legislature was killed and they believed the man most responsible was a Senator from Alberton. At this time the Railroad Brotherhood was also having



difficulties with safety problems. A short time after the legislature convened Brother Utter was delegated to go to Albion and persuade the Senator from there of the desirability of creating two counties. The Senator and Utter worked about six weeks reviewing assessed properties and circulating petitions and finally Mineral County was created. Utter said what followed was not a very nice trick but he had no part in that. The Railroad Brotherhood ran a railroadman by the name of Willett against the Senator from Albion and defeated him. When Willett came to Helena the union men were afraid he would be slugged so they delegated a man to sleep with him every night. Utter slept with him just two or three days before the doctors declared Willett had leprosy. Utter was quite an apprehensive man for awhile. However it was during this legislative session that the Overhead Safety Law was adopted. Utter wishes it stressed that immediately after the adoption of this law the Power Companies rendered their utmost cooperation and the rate of accidents and deaths declined.

About 1904 a series of union lockouts started in the East and crept westward. These lockouts were to break unions and union employers.

Utter was then working in New York City when he was locked out and he started westward until again locked out etc. He was commenting on this and how hard it is to get a job done and one of these days occurred in Peoria, Illinois. He started out to erect a large electrical sign over a department store entrance and had to go and get a 12-foot ladder. On his return he was rounding the corner at a brisk walk carrying the ladder on his shoulders just as a bandit was backing out of a bank with a drawn gun in his hand. Utter's ladder collided with the bandit's head, knocked the bandit sprawling and the ladder fell from his shoulders. The bandit jumped up slammed the gun in Utter's ribs and stuck him up. The bandit's partner then rushed out of the bank with two large bags of money. They jumped into a buggy and drove down the street. An alarm was sounded and the fire truck took out after them with the firemen putting on their helmets, and coats and carrying shotguns. The bandits doubled back, left the buggy and escaped. The following day a farmer found them asleep in the hay and marched them to town with his shotgun. Utter was on top of the ladder working on the sign when a deputy sheriff shook the ladder and had him come down to identify the bandits. When the bandits saw him one of them said "There's the guy that hit me with the ladder. It's a good thing that gun was not loaded or I would have blasted daylight through you." Utter returned to the job and again some-

one shook the ladder. He looked down and saw two tearful ladies. When he descended he found one was Jeannette Rankin (later our first woman member of Congress). They were trying to raise funds for women who had been victims of a lockout. He says he finally finished hanging the sign but the next day he received a wire from Gompers' office of the American Federation of Labor asking him to make a series of talks for appeals for funds to feed the unemployed.

Utter's itinerary was prearranged and one occasion he appeared in Fall River, Massachusetts. There was a crowd of about 5000 assembled, mostly unemployed women. They helped him up on top of a piano box and as he started to speak, the police kicked it out from under him and beat him over the head with clubs. A riot ensued and the police were having a bad time. The women were not ladies any longer. Mounted police were brought up and in the melee some people were trampled upon. Utter and several others were arrested on June 9th (his birthday) and held without charge. He later found out an injunction had been issued against assembly. He was confined in jail until Clarence Darrow, the famous attorney, came down from Chicago and effected his release on Labor Day.

We of L. U. 185 thought all our members would be interested in these interesting reminiscences of one of our long time members.

W. L. HALPINE, F. S.

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### 3% Welfare Fund Replaces Wage Boost

L. U. 210, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The I.B.E.W. in New Jersey did as I had hoped it would and held the wage line at \$3.50 per hour. In this way it was able to come up with something a great deal better than a pay boost. I refer of course to the three percent welfare fund that the contractors have agreed to pay. This fund which is a combination hospitalization, surgery and insurance plan is really something and I will report full particulars in my next JOURNAL article.

Plans are still going forward for our 50th Anniversary dinner and according to reports from some of the Brothers, promises to be quite an affair.

At our last meeting here in Atlantic City installation of officers took place and all of the duly-elected members took their oaths with solemn dignity. I feel sure as the body does, they will perform their duties for the next two years to the best of their abilities.

Just glancing around I note that Walt Larson of L. U. 211 Atlantic

City is working at the United States Steel job in Morrisville, Pennsylvania again.

That Parson Jones of the same local has left us for retirement. Good luck to you, Parson.

That Tony DeLuca's wife is back from the hospital after a serious operation. I'm sure Mae is going to be okay now, Tony.

That Tommy Fahey of L. U. 103 Boston is undergoing a hernia operation. Best of luck to Tom. By the time you read this in the WORKER you will be back working with us I'm sure.

That the steel mill in the Camden area is moving along faster.

That Jack Breen of L. U. 210 is pushing a crew in Atlantic City. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

And last but not least the shrimp parties the fellows have in Trenton (L. U. 269) are tops. (Ask Murphy if you don't believe me.)

Well that's it till next month.

EDWARD J. DOHERTY, P. S.

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### List New Officers In Atlantic City

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Your scribe being a little late getting his article together, will get on with the news at hand. Local 211 had their nomination and election of officers for the next two years and the results of the election are listed below:

President, Edward Penny; vice president, George Stockinger; financial secretary, Frank Stokes; treasurer, Edgar Koehler; business manager and recording secretary, Herbert Stickel. Executive Board: Edward Armbruster, Edgar Herbert, William Morley, Harry Hiltner, H. C. Maxwell, William Harvey, Frank Schwickerath. Examining Board: John Webb, H. C. Patterson, Harvey Gandy.

Your scribe, who was the retiring vice president, had the pleasure of obligating the new officers into office. I want to take this opportunity to wish all Brothers returning to office and the newer men who have been elected to office, the best of luck and success in office. Always be in there fighting for Local 211 and all its members.

Four Brothers of Local 211 were given their obligation and oath to journeyman by Edward Neppel. Their names are William Camp, Robert Patterson, Ben Christian and Oscar Holmstrom.

In conclusion President Edward Penny and our Business Manager Herbert Stickel, gave the brothers of Local 211 a talk on what should be done on unionism. They wanted it known that each and every Brother should practice unionism at all times. So let's not forget Brothers, we make



## Salute Queen in Vancouver



Local 213, Vancouver, B. C., contributes to the Abbotsford celebration of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth with this float entered in the Coronation Day Parade.

our money that way, let's support the other union crafts.

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

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### Visitors Aid with Heavy Work Load

**L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO**—Local 212 would like to take this opportunity to thank the many out-of-town members who assisted us in constructing and completing many jobs. Without their help, we would have been unable to meet the demands placed upon us. Florida, California, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Texas and Indiana, all were represented in our jurisdiction for the past several years. We would like to say to these members, a job well done, Brothers, and we look forward to again seeing you in our midst in the future.

Our next meeting to be held on August 3, will be a special meeting, designated as Brother George Schwoeppe Sr. night. On this date, Brother Schwoeppe will have served Local 212, continuously for a period of 50 years. Brother Schwoeppe is not only active in membership, he also represents us as a member of our Executive Board. This is the first time in the history of our organization that we have been able to boast of our having a 50-year member as one of the officers of Local 212.

We are all proud of the achievements of Brother Schwoeppe and extend to him our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes for continued success and good health.

Along about this time of the year, the members of Local 212 begin to look forward to the annual picnic. According to reports from the committee, this year's affair promises to be a great one. All that your committee members ask for their efforts and hard work in arranging this

affair, is your attendance. Let's all gather our family around us and come out and spend a day with our Brother members.

It is with deep regret, that I must report the death of Brother Herman Baade, who passed away after a long illness on Friday, July 10. Brother Baade just recently was awarded the certificate of 50-years membership in Local 212, which he received while being confined in Christ Hospital. Any member who has been around Local 212 for the past 20 years or so, claimed Brother Baade not only as a Brother member but a personal friend as well. He was never known to have lost his temper on the job, although the Good Lord knows he often had the opportunity to do so. Being a contractor at one time, Brother Baade had the view of both the employer and employee as well. Never was there a more patient and understanding man in either capacity.

All of the members and officers of Local Union 212 extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Brother Baade.

HOWARD E. STAPLETON, P. S.

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### Sends News from Vancouver Local 213

**L. U. 213, VANCOUVER, B. C.**—Greetings, Brothers, from Local Union 213, British Columbia, Canada, the land of hope and glory, where we hope the next Provincial Government will live up to its election promises, and glory in the fact that we have a staunch and faithful membership, a first class executive, and a hard-working, hard-fighting business manager, Brother George Gee.

Being my first letter, I would like to explain that Local 213 is spread over a large territory, therefore has several sub-locals to keep the members well informed and also adds that

touch of competition to help attendance at meetings.

At present our main problem is with certification of our Gas Workers' Division where our Provincial Labour Relations Board is off again on again, but mostly on the company band wagon. However, we are certain that with a united local such as Local 213, we will win out in the end.

Our apprentice classes should show some fine results in the near future, under the driving force of our able assistant business manager, Brother Don Wilson, who is also watch dog over those employers coming from South of the border, with ideas of big profits at the expense of British Columbia workers. Thanks to Brother Wilson we believe in the Bill of Human Rights and see that no one will receive less because of his race, creed, or color.

Well Brother, this was started with the intention of showing you that we Brothers of Local 213 hold our Queen and country in high esteem. The Brothers of Abbotsford sub-local are to be complimented for their efforts in bringing the I.B.E.W. to the front, with a decorated float in the Abbotsford Coronation Day Parade to celebrate the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II.

Let us all take a lesson from this crowning as to how tradition can keep nations in their own right, held together in all their glory and remember that we of the I.B.E.W. have lots of tradition to live up to.

Brothers taking part in decorating were Brothers George Bodell, Jack Buchanan, Lorne Vadnais, Earl Lewis, Frank Hill-tout, John Mac-Intosh, and Jack Scott.

Checking transformer is Brian Bodell; tapping on the service is Barry Bodell—twins age seven years, the pride and joy of the George Bodell family. Looks like two up and coming young linemen.

In closing I will say thanks for listening and remember, it is not only your privilege, it is also your duty to attend your Union meetings.

J. SCOTT, President,  
Abbotsford Sub-Local.

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### New Officers for Chicago Local 214

**L. U. 214, CHICAGO, ILL.**—The election of officers for Local 214 was held June 26 at our regular meeting place, 635 N. Cicero Avenue. And the following officers were elected: general chairman, Charles H. Foote; president, Leroy Gebbie; vice president, Joseph Fitzharris; recording secretary, A. F. Desbiens; financial secretary, Raymond Rathbun; treasurer, Edward Stokes; Executive Board, Vincent Mikolajczak and Charles Jacobi.



The installation of the above officers will be held at the above hall July 24. Hope to see a good crowd.

A. F. DESBIENS, P. S.

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## Tribute Paid to Charter Member

L. U. 230, VICTORIA, B. C.—Friends of Frank Shapland, or "Shappie" as he is more popularly known, will be sorry to learn that he is in the hospital, suffering from the irreparable ravages caused by time, and for which there is no known cure. Frank is now 85 years of age, and as a charter member of this local, helped to found it over 50 years ago. For a number of years he was our recording secretary, and used to report the local union meetings in shorthand. We still have the old minute books, in which some of the minutes are waiting for Frank to transcribe them into longhand. I don't expect that he will ever get around to doing that now. Frank is one of the few remaining links with an age that demanded great courage and sacrifice from trade union members. To him and the rest of that rapidly diminishing band of half forgotten heroes who braved the sneers of fellow workmen and the open enmity of employers, we offer this humble tribute while there are still a few of them left alive to receive it. May the brief span on earth yet left to them be made happier by the knowledge that the traditions they worked so hard to create will be upheld by their successors.

Besides being our recording secretary, "Shappie," for this was his pen name, was a prolific writer of stories, some founded on fact, others pure fantasy. Our editor is well acquainted with Frank as an author, and perhaps has something on file to reprint.

We celebrated our 51st official birthday last month with the customary banquet and dance. The hardworking committee deserves a hearty vote of thanks.

We are going to miss another good recording secretary, Jack Driscoll. The pioneering spirit has taken Jack up to Kitimat, where men are men. We wish him every success, and sincerely regret the loss to the local of a conscientious and capable officer who somehow always managed to grasp what we were saying and managed to record it accurately, keeping his pipe going at the same time. We expect him back with us by winter.

F. J. BEVIS, P. S.

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## Sign Four New Apprentice Members

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—Things are slow at this time. It is

pretty hot and the humidity is high. The enclosed picture is of L. U. 252's Apprentices at class time. Our apprenticeship committee has appointed four new beginners for the year 1953.

The general run of employment is alteration and remodeling on the University campus.

Our Arbitration Committee is hard at work for improvements in our agreements. And this is about all at this time.

I. N. FERRIS, P. S.

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## Annual Outing Delayed Due to Drought

L. U. 259, SALEM, MASS.—Here is Local 259, coming in for a few lines. We have been among the missing for too long. We will try to do better in the future.

Our annual outing which has been a gala shindig for the past few years was a victim of the drought. Postponement was made necessary due to inability to secure a permit for an open fire. We'll have another go at it sometime during the month of August.

One of our popular young members took advantage of the drought and got married. Good luck, Jim Dunn.

The month of June, found us in the midst of our elections for officers for the next two years. Quite a few new faces will be seen behind the tables as an outcome of the election. Many of the posts went unopposed but a ding dong battle centered around the position of financial secretary and business agent. In this contest our former recording secretary won out over Roy Canney, one of our charter members and former holder of the post. The following members were sworn into office by Past President Thomas McCarthy. President William Goldsmith, Vice

## Graduates



Members of the apprenticeship class of Local 252, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

President James Dunn, Treasurer Albert Parthum, Financial Secretary and Business Manager Eugene F. Gilgan, Recording Secretary Irwin T. McCarthy. Executive Board members: Grafton Clark and Joseph Morin.

Well that just about winds up the dope on the election.

Our past president is in the Gloucester Hospital with the Docs giving him a thorough exam. Good luck Herb, we hope you are with us soon again.

We hope to have a little more from the boys for the column in our next report. In closing I wish to state that business is very brisk. All our members are working although a few are away from home.

IRWIN T. MCCARTHY, R. S.

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## Local 292 Annual Fishing Trip "Good but Cold"

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Executive Board's annual fishing trip was held in June. Fishing was very good on Lake Nipigon—only complaints were that it was plenty cold up there. Making the

## Local Is 51 Years Young



Members of Local 230, Victoria, B.C. shake hands as local reaches 51st anniversary. From left: P. Daggett, C. Peck, Ira Smith, Gerry Willoughby, Jack Potte.



trip were Ed Conway, Earl Skeldon, Leon Johnson, Cliff Hanson, Wilbert Butler, Merle Larson, Business Manager Joe Krech, Assistant to Business Manager Dick Noonan, all of Local 292; Business Manager Charlie Brett of Local 110, St. Paul who flew up and met the gang, and Don Green and Oscar Norgren of the Minneapolis Electrical Contractors' Association.

Our Recording Secretary Sol M. Rivkin, who holds a degree as electrical engineer, is working for Magney, Tusler and Setter, Architects. Brother Rivkin has carried the tools for many years and should be an engineer with plenty of electrical know-how.

Business Manager Joe Krech and Financial Secretary Guy Alexander attended the party given by Local Union 134 of Chicago honoring their 50-year members and Vice-President Mike Boyle for his many years of service to the IBEW.

The work picture is promising for the members of Local 292—several large building projects are about to commence. Work increased 38 percent in the first quarter of 1953 over the first quarter of 1952.

Brothers Eugene Humphrey, J. Walter Lestor and Antoine Lusian are on the seriously sick list and will be off the job for some time.

Minneapolis members working in St. Paul must take out a St. Paul city electrical license.

Brother Walter George has retired and is now on the Brotherhood pension. He was initiated in Local 292 on September 10, 1906. Brother George battled for labor every minute of his 47 years of membership. This is one of the men who fought to build your local and the IBEW to the high standards and improved working conditions you are enjoying today. Good luck, Walt, on your retirement!

The Examining Board and other officers of the local held their annual fishing trip at Lake Osakis. They reported limit catches. The eight Brothers

## Group at Cambridge, Ohio



Members of Local 299, Cambridge, O., who started on R.C.A. construction job: First row, seated, left to right: Douglas Poat, general foreman; Brothers Lowery, Shearer and Sheppard. Standing: Brothers Myers; Parrish; Burt, one of the foremen; Flint, young apprentice; Goddard; Lockard, foreman; McCall, who does welding and is also the steward; Ames and Mourer. A fine job is being done by the entire crew.

who made the trip are: Paul Bartholoma, Earl Nelson, Ken Gebert, Ben Morse, Johnny Burch, Ole Mohn, Pete Lingwall and Bob Gomsrud.

Brother O. H. "Doc" Malby, age 56, died suddenly of a heart attack. "Doc" was a member of the Mankato Unit, living at New Ulm. He was very active in getting Brown County and New Ulm organized.

Lee Electric of Redwood Falls, Minnesota was signed to a union agreement by Bob Gomsrud, making a welcome addition to our Wilmar Unit territory.

July 30, 1953 was Local 292's birthday—51 years old.

Mankato's contract was settled for 10 cents, making the scale \$2.40 an hour. St. Cloud accepted 10 cents also, making the scale \$2.25 an hour.

Bob Mooney is working out of Local 11, Los Angeles at Venice, California.

The Minnesota State Electrical Workers' Council held its quarterly meeting in Hibbing, Minnesota, June 12-13. Representatives from Local 292 who attended were: Joe Krech, Guy Alexander, Cliff Hanson, Clarence Johnson, Merle Larson and Ed Conway.

Brother Odin Christiansen flew to London, England for the coronation, and is taking a six weeks' tour of Europe, visiting his birthplace, Denmark; also Paris, Hamburg and Stockholm.

President Eisenhower's administration is about to push a "pay as you go" method of financing Social Security. First step is to postpone next year's increased tax from 1½ per cent to 2 per cent. The President gives as his reasons the fact that receipts are totalling more than expenditures. The AFL and CIO have been against such action in the past and surely will be, now. It is feared that "pay as you go" Social Security will result in lower benefits. There are 18 billion dollars in the Social Security Trust Fund now, so it would be better to keep this as a buffer against hard times rather than make it a payday-to-payday security. Keep your eyes on this and let your Congressmen know when the time comes.

JOHN J. O'ROURKE, P. S.

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## Full Employment For Ohio Local 299

L. U. 299, CAMBRIDGE, OHIO—Now that Old Sol is bearing down with everything he's got, we will now

## To A Statistic Named Johnnie

**W**HO'S Johnnie? Just one of the 175,000 children under eighteen here in the United States who have lost a mother to cancer. Statistics are a little too big for a boy this small to understand. Even the hopeful ones about cancer—and there are more every year.

**More and more today—cancer can be cured**

*Patients are being cured who could not have been saved—even five years ago. In 1952, some 70,000 with cancer were saved. And this number could have been doubled, if treatment in all the cases had been begun in time.*

Your contributions to the American Cancer Society helped make such hopeful statistics possible. And they can make the story even brighter tomorrow.



come out of our shell and give you the low-down on the construction that is going on in our locality.

At this writing all the boys in L. U. 299 are now working. We also have boys out of Locals 874, 981 and 964 helping us man the job.

Now that our election has just passed we will introduce you to our new officers. Brother Warren Morris, business agent, having done a splendid job in the past, negotiated a 35-cent raise, was reelected by a large majority. Brother Robert Gilsdorf was reelected president and yours truly, vice president. Other officers are: James Clark, treasurer by acclamation; Casey McKee, recording secretary; Brothers Lockard, Anderson, Droltz, Dixon and Gilsdorf, Executive Board members; Brothers Trott, Morris and yours truly, Examining Board.

Will say good night at this time from a fast growing, prosperous little local.

LAWRENCE POAT, P. S.

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## Results of Local 305's Recent Election

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—There is one way to find out just how many Brothers read the JOURNAL. Two issues ago I found out. To correct the error I made, we received an 11½-cent increase bringing our hourly rate to \$2.85. (Am I back in good standing now?)

Our red-hot election came too late to make last month's JOURNAL so here are the official results: president, H. Hannie; vice president, D. Miller; business manager and financial secretary, E. McKay; treasurer, F. West; recording secretary, N. Glock; new Executive Board members, A. Miller, B. Wells, P. Bucher, A. Messman and U. C. (Dutch) Vanderbosh.

Sickness and accidents have taken quite a toll this month with Brothers S. Schubert hurt in an auto accident, B. Myers still recovering from his broken leg, and C. (Smokey) Messman and D. Sonhour recovering from back operations. Sickness has laid low Brothers A. Wolf and G. Cothrell. Brother F. Musser is still having trouble with his legs and isn't able to return to work.

The election is over and the meetings are back to normal—no attendance. I know it's hot Brothers, but business must be carried on as usual come hot or cold. There is an old saying, "If you don't vote don't holler!" So if you don't attend don't growl. Meetings at the same place, first and third Mondays—save me a seat.

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

## Salute Three New Retired Chicagoans

L. U. 315, CHICAGO, ILL.—Our hats off, and our best wishes go with three members of Local Union 315, who have just gone on the retired list.

Our dear brothers, Jack Fyden, Max Lesch and James Padula, Sr., have all completed enough time in life and with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company to warrant a well earned rest.

A wonderful retirement party was given in their honor at the Logan Square Masonic Temple on the near north side of Chicago. The hall holds close to 500 people and we had a capacity crowd.

Dancing and refreshments, after a wonderful dinner, helped to make the evening a huge success.

L. J. BEEKEN, V. P.

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## Members Complimented For Armco Project

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—Greetings again from Local 317. The hot humid weather has slowed down the usual variety of news except on the one subject—vacation. A number of our boys have either gone or are planning a trip to the lakes or streams far to the north or to the cool shadows of the mountains.

At the present we are all busy winding up the finishing touches to some of the larger jobs or starting the preliminaries to the newer ones. Prospects for a busy fall and winter for our men are exceptionally bright at present. The large roller job at Ashland, Kentucky for the Armco Steel Corporation is now completed and in operation.

Our local office has received a very

nice letter from F. E. Wheatley, supervising engineer of the engineering and service department of the Westinghouse Electric Company, highly complimenting our IBEW workers for their excellent workmanship and cooperation at the Armco job. Mr. Wheatley said every phase of operation worked perfectly on the first trial which is very unusual on a very complicated assembly of this large size. We are very proud to receive a letter like this, and also very proud of all our IBEW Brothers who helped take a part in making this job a success.

In June our regular two-year election of officers was held. Charles Singer was reelected for business agent for another term. Jay Booth, who has been acting president since the death of our president, Richard Pettit, was unanimously elected as our new president. We are confident that with our fine selection of new officers Local 317 will forge ahead with renewed prosperity.

Speaking personally, I am very sorry to say that I have to be more careful in my comments regarding my weekly angling episodes. I have a very quiet, mild-mannered fishing buddy, and regardless of my sincere coaching, our angling stories don't seem to fit together when questioned by our fellow workers. With all my sincere explanations I am losing esteem. Some say I am uninteresting, some are aggravated and others say it's really funny. I am thinking of getting me a new buddy who sees eye to eye with me. When I catch a 14-inch Bass I don't want a buddy who sees a nine-inch Bass. I just can't see how a lapse of memory loses five inches by the time we go to work next day.

J. E. SMITH, P. S.

## Retired Members Honored



Three members of Local 315, Chicago, recently went on the retired list and were honored with a retirement party. From left: Mr. and Mrs. Max Lesch, (conduit inspector), Mr. and Mrs. Clarence "Pappy" Williams, (foreman), Mr. and Mrs. James Padula, Sr., (foreman), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ditch, (supervision foreman). Mr. Jack Fyden, conduit inspector, also retired, was not present at time picture was taken.



## Installation at West Palm Beach



Part of the 2400 volt 'Load Center.' From left to right: Bro. G. Long, Bro. J. Worsham (Job Steward), and Bro. L. Chitwood, Local 323.



Partial view of Switching Yard. From left to right: Bro. 'Pappy' Dennison, Bro. Ken. Kettner and Bro. K. C. Jacobs (foreman switch yard gang), Local 323.

### Fla. Old-timer Dies on Job

**L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.**—Well, work seems to be holding up pretty well down here in the Sunny South although I understand some of our shops are only working three and four days per week. We, up at the power house are making 40 hours per week. Like everywhere else we are having some very hot days with hardly any rain. Up to the time of writing, we have lost little time due to rain.

The grim reaper paid our local another visit recently. Brother F. McGinnis one of our real old timers collapsed on the job and died before medical aid could reach him. He was not in our jurisdiction when this sad event took place but was working in Newark, New Jersey out of Local 52. The members of Brother McGinnis' home Local 323 wish to convey to financial secretary Brother J. A. Turner of Local 52, Newark, New Jersey our deepest gratitude for his sympathy and untiring efforts in behalf of our late Brother and his bereaved family. Also our thanks for his inspiring eulogy on our late Brother. Our old pioneer members when they leave us, leave a gap that can't be filled; they are the ones who have made unionism so easy for us.

As chairman of our local's sick committee I am glad to report no sick members at this time, have not had the pleasure to report this before. Hope our good health continues. Must be this Florida sunshine. One of our Brothers has his wife in a local hospital undergoing surgery but she should be well on the way to recovery by the time this letter is published. We all wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Our Blood Bank is slowly but surely creeping up to the minimum of the 100 pints we set. When we have reached our goal, we will try to keep

the 100 at all times. It is a wonderful set-up and all our locals should have a Blood Bank for their members and families.

WALTER FARRELL, P. S.

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### Extends Invitation To "Gateway" Cities

**L. U. 339, FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR, ONT.** — September



John Turner, assistant business manager of Local 326, giving a climbing demonstration at the Lawrence, Massachusetts Centennial Celebration. He shows what a well-dressed lineman should wear.

is a wonderful month at the lakehead. It is the month when nature endows our countryside with a coloring of natural rugged beauty that no artist could ever hope to achieve on canvas.

Now it is not my intention to give the impression that I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Nevertheless, I am taking this opportunity of inviting the members of our organization to visit our lakehead cities of Fort William and Port Arthur. For the information of those who are not familiar with this part of the world, our two cities are known as "The Gateway to the Golden West," and are situated 200 miles northeast of Duluth, Minnesota and 45 miles from the United States boundary, with a good paved highway along the shores of Lake Superior all the way from Duluth.

Fort William has a population of 36,000 and Port Arthur, 34,000. We have the largest grain elevators and pulp and paper mills in the world and the natural rugged beauty of our countryside with its numberless lakes and rivers is not surpassed by any place on the map.

The great Pigeon River which flows into Lake Superior is located 75 miles east of the lakehead; and it was on this river that the largest speckled trout in the world was caught. It was caught by the late Dr. Cook, a good doctor and an ardent fisherman. His fish weighed 14 pounds, 9 ounces and today it can be seen preserved in a framed enclosure in our city hall.

So to our boys to the south of us, if you want to see beautiful nature in the rough, visit our lakehead cities.

There is no further progress to report on our wage negotiations. The Fort William Hydro and Telephone Departments are still awaiting the setting up of conciliation boards to iron out their dispute with their employers. Our inside wiremen's agreement is still in the negotiating stage. No offer to date has been forthcoming.



## Two Pleasant Views from Canada



There's plenty of good fishing in "Pigeon River," boundary line on Fort William and Duluth Highway, reports scribe of Local 339, Fort William and Port Arthur, Ont. A section of falls and fast moving current are seen at left. Miss Blanche Jetten, former president of Local 1178, now disbanded, seen at right, is still pitching for Local Union 339.

ing. However, seeing that our present agreement doesn't expire till September first, and as we are tied in with the affiliated trades in the Building Trades Council, we are not worried to any extent over the outcome. Once the pattern of increase is established by any one union of the building trades, all others fall in line at that rate. At least that is the way that matters have worked out in the past few years.

Well, our 21st annual picnic is history. We had a wonderful day. The turnout was good, and I think I can voice the opinion of all present that all had a really good time. All in all it was a good picnic. The committee in charge, with Clary Catien as chairman, did a bang up job and is to be congratulated on the hard work of committee members and well planned organization. We must thank the electrical contractors who were so generous with prizes.

Now I cannot let this opportunity pass without special mention of Miss Blanche Jetten who worked so generously to make the picnic the success that it was. Blanche is a former President of Local 1178 of the telephone operators union of Port Arthur which had to be disbanded due to the installing of the dial system at the lakehead. Here's a salute to Blanche Jetten for all her good work on behalf of Local 339.

May we offer our congratulations to Brothers A. Suni and W. Huartson who recently retired from their years of long and faithful service to their employers. Brother Suni was line foreman for the Light and Power Department of Port Arthur at the time of retirement and Brother Huartson was electrical maintenance man with the Canadian Pacific Railway for over 40 years. Our kind wish is that they may both enjoy many, many years of good health and happiness and that

they will be spared many years to enjoy their I.B.E.W. pensions.

FRANK KELLY, P. S.

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### Innovations of New Movie Equipment

L. U. 349, MIAMI, FLA.—This is a picture of some of the latest movie and sound equipment in the U.S.A. In fact this is the fifth installation in this country. Miami Beach theatre motion picture operator is Billy Rear-don, electrician on bended knees doing what comes naturally is Al Frensdorf, often called "Monk." This amplifier rack in front of Al consists of three amplifiers and pre-amplifiers controlling a reproducer with three sound



tracks for 3D and stereophonic sound system.

This intricate equipment no doubt will be installed in all movie houses as soon as available. Al is employed by Elder Electric. Jimmy Elder is a member of 349, 15 or 20 years and his father, Old Jim, was a solid union member until he was called to the great beyond. Speaking of Jimmy's

dad, I wonder if Brother Hamrick remembers that particular morning during the depression when he was living with Old Jim when he so thoroughly enjoyed the rabbit food for breakfast thinking it a new cereal?

Fishing is picking up a bit, that is dude fishing. Better explain. Fish were ignoring my Father's Day tackle so Ben Sheppard puts on the goggles, takes my baited line down and puts it in the mouth of a 12 pound grouper —Result: Bob Tindell catches big fish. Mister, that is what I call dude fishing and goes to prove that you first must know more than the fish to be able to catch them.

Will close with my old reminder, "Keep your chin up and your eyes on the South."

R. C. TINDELL, P. S.

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### Oldest Member Honored in Oakland

L. U. 360, OAKLAND, CALIF.—we would like to get in the news again and I don't know of a better way than this. At our last meeting, Brother Hodgen A. Trimble was given a 45-year pin although he has been a member for 47 years; and we are proud of him. He is the oldest member in our local. The enclosed picture was taken by Brother Mike Finsch.

We will be 20 years old soon and hope to have a big blowout on our birthday by giving out a lot of 20-year pins. As a railroad local we are doing fine and growing every month in members and in security.

G. R. KING, P. S.

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### Work Scarce for Lynn Local 377

L. U. 377, LYNN, MASS.—Greetings.



## Oakland Presents 45-Year Pin



President William Feliciano of Local 360 presents 45-year pin to Brother Hodgen A. Trimble. Watching are, left to right: J. C. De Rossette, recording secretary; C. A. Pierce, treasurer; M. L. Pierner, Executive Board member; J. G. Miller, financial secretary; G. G. Westphal, vice president; and Lucius Heath, Executive Board member.

It has been some time since I have made a report, mainly because of having nothing to write about. There has been very little work in this area. About 50 per cent of the local members have been working in outside jurisdictions the past year or more. As a matter of fact, only about 30 per cent are working locally now. The future doesn't look any more promising—only just rumors of a couple of BIB jobs. Although we have the most capable business manager in the business, what can one expect of him with not much business. His contacts are terrific thanks to all his good friends. He also can get blood out of a turnip, so to speak. Again he has done it. I, as secretary, just signed an agreement, amended to raise the scale of wages 10 cents more per journeymen, also to get a holiday back that we recently gave up. This will bring our scale up to \$2.75 per hour. This new agreement to go into effect the first of September 1953. You will note in my last report that our worthy business manager had single handedly consummated a raise in pay. This he has done again. All this with no "barrel," no business pressure, and no strings attached. Long may he live and let us hope he gets the appreciation, cooperation and loyalty he so richly deserves.

Two of our oldest and steadiest Contractors have retired from the business, but to compensate for this loss, the local, again through the efforts of our business manager, got the largest non-union contractor, who by the way was taking out about 40 per cent of all the city electrical permits for jobs in this area, signed up with us.

At our recent election, as of June 23, 1953 all officers and Board members, with one exception, myself, as Recording Secretary, stayed in office. There was a close race for all members involved—the wins and losses by

a margin of two and three votes. It seems that the younger generation wants to get in and carry the ball, which I think is wonderful, as they have to come to it very soon now. We "Ole-Timers" are getting older and if the young blood "walk slow" and carry the ball along with the progress of the industry, we will still have the best trade in the business. I have been told that there has been a lot of changes around the local unions in the fact that a lot of new officers have been elected. Well more power to the Brotherhood in general, and as a reminder to all the young blood, don't let the old timers down because it took a lot of years and hard work for us to get where we are today and we know you can keep it where it is and it is my fervent hope that you push it farther along.

DON PENDLETON, P. S.

## Election Held in 113 Degree Heat

L. U. 387, PHOENIX, ARIZ.—June

22nd was election day at Local 387. It was also a warm 113 degrees, and the turnout was light; but if the voting had been 100 per cent, we couldn't have selected a better staff of officers than the ones installed July 13th. They are: Russell P. Goodrich, president; Paul A. Morris, vice president; Bruce W. Robertson, treasurer; Robert Fassbender, recording secretary; H. R. Pettett, financial secretary and business manager.

Also installed were seven members of the Executive Board: Andrew Ballent, Phoenix Steam Plant; Robert Bowers, at large; James McCormack, at large; Ralph Marshall, Prescott, Arizona; Kenneth Miller, Gas Department; Donald Mosley, Miami, Arizona; and James Skaggs, Electric Department.

These men are truly good union men; willing and anxious to serve the union in any way or at any time.

Summer is here in full force, with maximum daytime temperatures well above 100 degrees and the low seldom under 80, from June 15th to September 15th; but with the exception of a few humid days, the evaporative coolers make the homes fairly comfortable. Another answer to the heat is a paved highway to the tall pines in the White Mountains where the lakes and streams are kept well stocked.

Also around Flagstaff are some cool fishing spots.

In the cool months there are several lakes near Phoenix which provide very good bass and crappie fishing. Martinez Lake at Yuma, Parker Dam, and Davis Dam, all on the Colorado River are very popular fishing resorts, but the fisherman's paradise is Lake Mead. This is the largest man made lake in America, the water behind the dam that was originally named Boulder Dam, but a slap-happy 80th Congress, having very little to do, changed the name to Hoover Dam. Why they didn't change the name of Boulder City to Hooverville will probably forever remain a mystery.

JAY GIBSON, P. S.

## Awarding Diamond Pin in Nashville



International Vice-President W. B. Petty presenting a 50-year diamond pin to Walter J. Pullman, of Local 429, Nashville. Those in the picture are from left to right: Local Union President and Mrs. A. B. Buckner, Business Manager Ted P. Loftis, Mr. and Mrs. Pullman, I. V. P. Petty, Mrs. W. B. Doss and International Vice-President Gordon M. Freeman.



## As Nashville Observed 37th Anniversary



The group that attended Local Union 429's 37th Anniversary Celebration in Nashville, Tenn.

### Local 390 B. A. Named Texas Vice President

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—Local delegates made a very good report on the Texas State Federation of Labor Convention held at El Paso the last week in June. President J. W. (Dub) Miller, Business Agent E. C. Gones, Lawson Wimberly, and Fred Canada were delegates from this local. Brother E. C. Gones was unanimously elected vice president of the Texas State Federation of Labor, 8th District. Brother Canada, who is with the Insurance Company of Texas at Corpus Christi sent in a long letter of his views on the convention.

The three local rubber plants here are in the process of being bought from the Federal Government, which everyone would like to see go into private ownership. This local has a new contract with all chemical and rubber plants calling for a four percent raise for all Electricians.

The construction and shops have a new contract starting July 30th calling for a 12½ cents per hour raise for all journeyman wiremen and linemen.

Construction is at a standstill in Jefferson and Orange Counties because the carpenters, out on strike have picket lines on all major construction jobs. Many Local 390 men

have gone to work in Houston, Galveston and many other cities. Thanks to our many sister locals for taking us in.

A. A. DERROUGH, P. S.

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### Cheyenne Local Wins Wage Boost

L. U. 415, CHEYENNE, WYO.—The last meeting of the local was called for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The following Brothers were elected: James Keating, president; H. M. Humphrey, vice president; George Montgomery, recording secretary; Steve Brown, financial secretary; W. W. Stocker, treasurer; H. A. Moyer, business manager. Executive Board: C. C. Stocker, Steve Marko, J. E. Peters, James Littlejohn, C. D. Johnson and Van C. Hoorne. Congratulations.

All the Brothers seem to be busy and July 15th we start on a higher wage scale. One more raise in wages and we will be able to treat our family to beef steak once a week.

The date September 11 was set for the celebration of our golden anniversary. Golden wedding anniversary events are usually celebrated with golden gifts. If gold is in order we expect a few California \$50 gold slugs. You know the kind the Cali-

fornia 49'ers used for poker chips.

News is scarce in Wyoming. It's getting so that an ordinary layman scribe hasn't a chance. Several of the nation's outstanding travel editors spend a time each summer here in wonderful Wyoming. Almost every popular magazine carries an illustrated (in color) article about our university or the State in general. Recently I heard one commentator say there wasn't anything in Wyoming except "rocks and more rocks." He isn't the first sagacious person to misjudge Wyoming, even the great Daniel Webster in his report of 1844 describing what is now Wyoming stated that it was, "The great American desert, land not worth a cent, a region of savages, wild beasts, shifted sands, whirlwinds of dust, cactus and prairie dogs."

R. R. WELCH, P. S.

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### Celebrate Anniversary At Famous Hotel

L. U. 429, NASHVILLE, TENN.—We took time out to celebrate our 37th Anniversary at the Old Maxwell House Hotel where many famous men before us have dined, James K. Polk, Andrew Jackson, Lafayette, Sam Houston, and many other famous people. But we sincerely doubt if any



## Nashville Graduate Apprentices



This picture is of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee's graduating class, Local 429. Those on the second row are Business Manager Ted P. Loftis, Vice-Chairman Wm. A. Walker and Chairman W. N. Tune who presented the diplomas. The graduates are from left to right: Charles Hartman, John B. Moore, Jr., Ralph Fike, J. T. Edwards, and C. L. Campbell. Absent were: Walter Craddock, N. A. Basham, Marvin Bradford, and Wallace Journey.



Master of Ceremonies W. B. Doss leading off at the beginning of the 37th Anniversary Celebration of Local Union 429. Others in the picture are from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tune, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graddy, Mrs. Arthur Buckner, Mrs. Walter Pullman, Mrs. W. B. Doss and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Freeman.

had a more enjoyable time. The highlights of the evening were the fine speeches of International Vice President Bert Petty, International Vice President Gordon Freeman, Master of Ceremonies Brother Wilmot B. Doss, a charter member of 429, Brother Curley McMillian, International Executive Council Member, and Brother Tom Payne, of the International Office. Curley as most of us know worked in the Tennessee Valley area as an International Representative for 10 years prior to becoming an Executive Council Member. Later came a fine speech by Judge Beverly Briley which left much food for thought.

The honored guests were as follows: Mr. Bert Petty, Mr. Curley McMillian, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Freeman, Judge and Mrs. Beverly Briley, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hudson, L. U. 369, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Broadfoot, L. U. 558, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Graddy, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sanderford, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Little, Col. Hugh Arnold, Mr. James Stansell, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tune, Mr. Charlie

Eicheldinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Don Burkebile, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Felts, Jr., Mr. Earl Burnett, Mr. W. C. Johnson, Mr. Ted P. Loftis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pullman, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Doss.

A memorable event on the program was the presentation of a 50-year pin to Brother Walter Pullman by Brother Petty and a television set by members of 429 for his 50 continuous years of membership. Presentation of diplomas to the Apprenticeship Class was ably performed by Nick Tune, chairman and William A. Walker, vice chairman of the Joint Apprentice Training Committee. Those receiving diplomas were as follows: C. L. Campbell, Charles Hartman, Walter Craddock, John B. Moore, Jr., Ralph Fike, J. T. Edwards, N. A. Basham, Marvin Bradford.

Other activities on the scene would remind you of Chicago during the Democratic National Presidential Convention. We too had a caucus Room 358. Many people traversed its portals before and during the intermission of the dance. The music was grand and most of us will still bet

on Brother Pullman. We doubt if Fred Astaire would be as good after 50 years in the business.

The Brothers of the lodge turned out wonderfully, about 600 in number, with their wives and girl friends.

The Executive Board served as a committee as a whole to promote this outstanding event.

Most active on the committee were Brothers Claude Lampley, John Helton and Tom Hanson. Business Manager Ted Loftis was extremely busy trying to see that all our guests and members had a grand time.

Local 429 and its members here in Nashville and throughout the entire Tennessee Valley are slightly confused as to what creeping socialism is. In any number of cases, private utilities have borrowed tax money through R.F.C. to build power plants. Of course they paid the money back yet the plants became the property of private power companies. On the other hand T.V.A. also pays all of its obligations and yet the power plants still belong to the tax payers, or Government whichever you prefer to call it. Before closing we say if it takes creeping socialism to give us flood control, soil conservation, progressive industrial growth, we kind of like it. Call it what you will.

SANDFORD ALEXANDER, R. S.

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## Union Labor Serves Scout Jamboree

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—When the youth of America assembles in a gigantic meeting such as the Boy Scout Jamboree held here in Orange County this July, it is really something to write about. But the story of the jamboree has been too well told in millions of words through the national press for us to attempt to do it justice in 500. Perhaps what you did not learn though, was that all the construction work on the camp was done 100 percent by union labor. This was at the insistence of the scout managers in charge.

Stafford Electric Company of Newport Beach supplied the electrical labor. Local 441 members engaged were Harry Parker (in charge), Joe Bauman, W. L. Hedrick, L. R. Hill, G. R. Padfield, Paul Snedden, Glen Wolmutter, and Charles Leimer.

More good news on the labor front. Governor Warren recently signed into law, a bill liberalizing disability and hospitalization benefits. The bill provides a maximum of \$35 per week for unemployment caused by sickness, or off the job accidents. This replaces the present \$30 per week. Hospital payments allowable will be raised from \$8 to \$10. The law becomes effective January 1, 1954.

Local 441 mourns the passing of its good Brother, Chester Powely.



Brother Powely died in his sleep Sunday, June 21.

Our new Death Benefit Plan becomes effective this July. The plan was inaugurated with a two-dollar assessment on each member. When a Brother member of Local 441 passes away his beneficiary receives prompt delivery of the amount of one dollar per capita of our membership. Our present membership is about 430. The fund is kept in balance by an additional one-dollar assessment at the time of each death.

On July 1 our new working agreement became operative. Wage scale for inside wiremen is as follows: journeymen per hour, \$3.10; subforemen, \$3.27; foremen, \$3.45; general foremen, \$3.80; cable splicers, \$3.40. Other improvements over the old contract are double time for all overtime including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, excepting one hour between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. when time-and-one-half will be paid. On regular work days of course.

By no means are the above the complete changes in the agreement. We suggest that you see Brother Ferguson or Brother Maxwell for your copy. Also get your revised booklet of the bylaws.

Brother Les Morrell officiated in giving out service pins to our long-time members during our July meeting. Brothers George O'Brien and Webb Green of Local 11 were in attendance, and also Jack Carney of Local 477 San Bernardino. Brother H. H. Foster received a 45-year pin; Brother Charles Rohrer a 35-year pin. Thirty-year pins went to Cecil Tanner and C. F. Mathews, and 25-year pins to E. E. Thomas, G. R. Sievert, Gardner Wells, A. V. Narath, H. J. Becker, A. L. Hanson, and E. M. Hart, Charles Leimer, and R. R. Macy. Twenty-year pins went to R. L. Jellison, V. J. Williams, W. C. Kuebler, W. H. Stone, and Robert Barrett.

In our humble way let us say that these pins are the sentimental expression of the Brotherhood for a good job well done. And let all of us fledglings hope that we will serve our union as faithfully and as long as you. Good luck Fellows.

DICK KLAUS, P. S.

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## Ridgeway Assumes Presidential Office

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—Well, my good friends, Alabama's annual deep-sea fishing rodeo is under way at this writing. And I do wish to apologize to all for not extending to all an invitation to come down and enjoy this annual event with us. It has been my custom in the past to ask all down for this wonderful event and I am very sorry that I did not do so this year.

Brother Ridgeway, our new president, got off with flying colors at the beginning of his two-year term as our president. And here's wishing him every success in his venture as our president for the next two years. This is his first attempt at a job like this and he has taken charge with the determination to carry it through to a successful conclusion.

The time to negotiate our new agreement is at hand and I do believe that President Ridgeway has shown good judgment in the selection of this committee. They are, Brothers Shannon our business manager, Sid Evans, Bob Larche, John Jacobson, and of course the president himself. Our contract expires in the middle of August, so this committee will get together with the contractors in the very near future. Details of these conferences will be reported in next month's letter.

Other committees appointed by President Ridgeway are as follows: Building Trades, Brothers Lott, Covington, Pipkins. Central Trades, Smith, Turner, Vogle. Sick and Welfare, Foster, Kitchens, Stroud, Owens. Speakers Committee: Eanes, Lott, and Hellenschmidt.

A bit of news for those away from home. Brother D. B. McCoy is in the Memorial Hospital in Detroit for an operation on his foot that has been giving him trouble ever since he fell from a ladder at work. He has been in and out of the hospital for the last two months, but he believes that this time will fix him up and permit him to go back to work in three or four weeks.

Here in Mobile, Brother Jack Seymore, fell and was seriously injured on the Ideal Cement job, and is now confined at the City Hospital.

Brother Ryder was injured on the Berry Steam Plant of the Alabama Power Company, now under construction. He fell to the basement and broke one ankle and fractured the other. It will be some time before he will be able to return to work.

Another man who held the cause of labor close to his heart has answered the call of the Master, and gone to his eternal reward. I am speaking of Maurice J. Tobin, who was Secretary of Labor in President Truman's Cabinet.

The son of Irish immigrants, Mr. Tobin rose swiftly to political prominence. He was elected mayor of Boston at the age of 36 and the Governor of Massachusetts at 43. He was a life-long Democrat.

May I quote a statement made by Mr. Tobin's successor, Martin P. Durkin, "His whole history was one of constant battle against oppression and intolerance—a fight he tempered with patience, understanding and kindness. No man better served his fellow man." No truer words were ever spoken.

Now that he has gone to his eternal reward, may the great and glorious God in His infinite goodness and mercy, have mercy on his soul, and give him the reward he so justly deserves. In closing this may I quote an old proverb: "The innocent person is never ashamed."

PERCY E. JOHNSON, P. S.

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## Describe New Building For Local 520, Austin

L. U. 520, AUSTIN, TEX.—Since it has been a few months since we had an article in the JOURNAL, we will try to bring everything up to date. First, I would like to tell about our future building which is in the planning stage. We purchased the land at the south end of Congress Avenue bridge, and the lot runs down to the Colorado River. It is a wonderful location. The building will be three stories including the basement which will be a ground floor on one side and basement on the other. We will have our meeting hall on the second floor along with the office. The other part of the building will be rented out to other sources. We all think it will be the ideal thing when it is completed.

In the picture that is enclosed with this article, you will see a few, tired and weary faces. These men are on the Examining Board. They have spent quite some time re-wording and adding questions to simplify matters. And in the next picture, you will see the Apprenticeship Board which is doing a grand job. In this particular meeting they were discussing deferments for draft age apprentices. Bill Camfield is replacing William E. Bryant of Waco, Texas. Both these men are employed by the Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor.

The work around these parts is still good but most of our big jobs are about complete. The Alloy Plant in Rockdale is complete and we now have a few men working on the power house there. The American Statesman newspaper building will be complete in October, and also a few jobs are left at Bergstrom Air Field, but most are complete.

At our last meeting, we had a larger number to attend which is surprising but for a good reason. Our Business Agent Marcus Loftis and our Negotiating Committee had come to an end with the contractors. We were asking for a 12½ cents raise which they didn't approve. So the discussion was about "going fishing" which our International couldn't approve—so other steps were taken. The Negotiating Committee referred it to the Council on Industrial Relations and their decision will be final. We think we have a 50-50 chance



## Examining and Apprenticeship Board



The weary faces at left belong to members of Local 520, Austin, Texas, Examining Board after many long hours at their task. At right, are the members of the local's efficient Apprenticeship Board.

but we are keeping our fingers crossed anyway.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of two brother members who passed away a few months ago. Walter G. "Pop" Decker who was initiated December 2, 1936 died February 14, 1953 and C. A. Ray initiated March 5, 1942 died February 16, 1953.

Both were fine men and well liked throughout Local 520.

Press Secretary.

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### Local 527 Aids Shut-down Victims

**L. U. 527, GALVESTON, TEXAS—**This month finds the Gulf Coast in quite a turmoil, the construction picture being clouded by several craft walkouts and at least one craft picketing, all in support of demands that could not be resolved at the negotiating table. We found ourselves in a very fortunate position in that the situation did not affect our jurisdiction, and we were able to assist those of our neighbor Brothers who became unemployed as a result of job shut-downs. Our own construction contract has passed its anniversary date and at this writing we are still negotiating in an attempt to reach a settlement. We find ourselves practically stalemated on one maintenance contract and have begun negotiations on two others.

Our "accidents, sickness, or death of members" report this month finds Brother H. J. Peterson removed from the rolls by the grim reaper. Brother Pete will be missed by many of our local who thought very well of him. We find that Brothers I. B. McGehee and W. B. Sandham are on the inactive list, recovering from serious illnesses. May we all wish them good luck.

Our Apprenticeship Committee is to be complimented again. They have been spending the summer vacation working on the program for the coming school year. Among their immediate objectives are the institution of

a workable progress report system, the establishment of a permanent record file, and the adoption of a uniform policy of administration for the program. The local union has elected M. H. "Bill" Dempsey as its delegate to the Southern State Apprenticeship Conference. We are confident that he will return with ideas to benefit our local program.

The Texas State Association of Electrical Workers and the Texas State Federation Conventions for 1953 are now history. The local delegates brought back reports of the proceedings and have attempted to convey to the membership the theme of the meetings i.e., organization, education, and political activity of the individual union member. The threat of losing in the legislation hall the gains won at the bargaining table must be pointed up to our people. We are the ultimate losers.

LEE O. SCHELIN, B. M.

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### Nearly Complete Officer Turn-over

**L. U. 558, SHEFFIELD, ALA.—**Fellows, L. U. 558 almost made a new slate of officers. However, we still have some of the old heads yet, and some with past experience, and we say congratulations to you Brothers, every one of you. Personally I hope you make large steps forward in the labor movement. To you who lost, you fought a good battle and I know your labor wasn't in vain. Now that the election is over, with the spirit of unionism, let's put our shoulders to the wheel and roll forward with a firm determination never to give up the ship.

Fellows, I will try and name all the officers elected. If I miss the name or initial, forget it please. Business manager, Arnold Madison; president, J. O. Brown, vice president, Dock Farley; Executive Board, John Broadway, J. A. Brock, Leon Daniels, E. A. (Big) Easterwood, Jimmie Lummus, J. C. McCullough; Decatur unit, Shorty Couch and Dock Rozele.

Examining Board, Buster Delano, Johnnie Jackson and Little Steve; treasurer, J. Pickens; recording secretary, Richard Mason.

Brothers and fellows, Brother Madison has started his job well. As he took office, everything confronted him, and I know he jumped in head-over-heels. Wage negotiations at Reynolds Metal Company got under way a week or so ago for installation and the boys on maintenance at Reynolds were raised \$.08 per hour with additional annual leave. All information is not available at this time. He has met with T.V.A. and Reynolds' management, attended a wage panel conference at Chattanooga, Tennessee his first week in office, and attended a progress meeting this week in Gulfport, Mississippi. He has also been busy with the Building Trades Council and the Tri-Cities Central Labor Union.

Boys, I don't know how we're going to come out with the right to work bill that is up before our house and senate in the state of Alabama. I know we sent ten men down to Montgomery. Results accomplished are not available at this time. However, if it is passed labor will get a black mark and I think we should sacrifice every effort to knock it out.

Now boys, to we who are out of town, work looks a little brighter. Colbert steam plant is moving slowly. I believe it will be late winter before we can all be home. The small job at Decatur will break soon. Perhaps some of us will soon go there. There are several little jobs among the contractors we hope will break soon.

GRANVILLE O. ALLEN, P. S.

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### Local Aids in Good-will Project

**L. U. 564, RICHMOND, IND.—**On July 4th, 1953 our Local Union 564 of Richmond, Indiana had the pleasure of teaming up with our Richmond Division of N. E. C. A. to do a good Samaritan project; also three local supply houses gave a helping hand.



The good deed was to wire and furnish materials for a house that had burned two weeks prior in which a small girl perished and all clothing and possessions were lost. Rebuilding of the house which is shown in the accompanying photo has been a community project which has moved along and in less than one month the family has been installed in their new home.

The Richmond Division of N. E. C. A. furnished the materials and three supply houses, Richmond Electric, Universal Electric and Rohloff Electric Center furnished the fixtures and bulbs for the project. The local furnished the labor for the project, those men shown in the accompanying photo are left to right, back row: Earl Ambrose, James Sharkitt, Clarence (Lindy) Lienemann, Earl Davis. Front row: Ben Robinson, Russell Dearth, Bob Krause. Also helping on the



project but not in the picture were Ray E. Mendenhall, president of Local 564 and Richard Quick, business manager of the local.

We are pleased to have had a helping hand in such a project and hope our relationship with our contractors continues to grow and helps the industry to become greater in our territory.

We have some very nice work coming up in our territory—a new power plant and a new Philco plant for the manufacturing of refrigerators, and several new schools.

I guess I am out of gas for this time, so I will sign off for now.

RICHARD QUICK, P. S.

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## Donate Services For Quad's Home

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, MAINE—Not long ago, 17 members of Local 567 did an outstanding job, and this is to commend them on it. It all concerns the famous Maine quadruplets, the "Pinkham Quads." They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Pinkham, of West Buxton, Maine. They were delivered at the Osteopathic

Hospital of Maine, in Portland where they were kept for quite some time because of inadequate housing. The nurses and staff of the hospital did wonders for them, donating much of their clothing etc. Finally, they were brought home and Mr. Pinkham, a carpenter out of Local 517, started to build a larger home, but he got himself a broken leg and had a tough time, so various organizations helped out.

On a Saturday, 17 of our boys went to West Buxton and roughed in the house with stock donated by Portland contractors, E. S. Boulos Company, Milliken Brothers Company and by the supply houses of Graybar Electric Company, Eagle Electric Company, Frank M. Brown Company and others. It was a good job done, and the boys had a good time doing it. Then later on they visited the "Quads" and all agreed that they were pretty swell and were certainly worth the effort.

Later the men of Local 333, the line local, connected up the service.

Through the efforts of Brother John Allen, who worked very hard on this project, venetian blinds, storm windows for the nursery and a furnace for the house were obtained. At the following meeting the local voted to purchase the fixtures for the house and Johnny put more time into the job and finished the electrical installation. The members of the local should be proud of the job Johnny has done. Not many men would put as much time into a non-paying job as he has done. Our hats are off to him.

The local still has plenty of work with all members working and we are also using quite a few men from outside locals.

Two large jobs are starting soon and will continue to supply work for our members for quite some time. One is a two and one half year job in East Millinocket and the other is a

1500-unit housing job in Limestone.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, P. S.

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## Local Officer on Standards Committee

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—This local union is proud to announce to all our Brothers the appointment of Brother Alzee Bastien, our local union president, as official representative of the Electrical Workers on the Provincial Committee of the Canadian Standards Association (Electrical Code). The appointment was confirmed recently by Mr. Rene Labelle, chief examiner for the Provincial Bureau of Examiners of Electricians for the province of Quebec, and president of the Provincial Committee of the Canadian Standards Association.

Brother Bastien has been a member of this local union for 42 years, and he has always been a stabilizing factor in some of our troubled periods and a constant reserve of help and advice available to anyone, and we feel sure that with his extensive knowledge of the trade, his good judgment, leadership and determined action on all problems affecting the members of Local 568, his services on the Provincial Committee will be an asset both to the Canadian Standards Association and to all members.

Due to the many projects now being carried outside of town, your Executive Board has been carrying on with a minority group for practically all of this past year. At our last regular meeting, Brother Henri Gagnon was voted in as replacement for Brother Hugh Lafleur, and no sooner had he assumed the position on the Executive Board than he was called out of town for a period of six months, which means that our next regular meeting will have another election all over again for a new appointment.

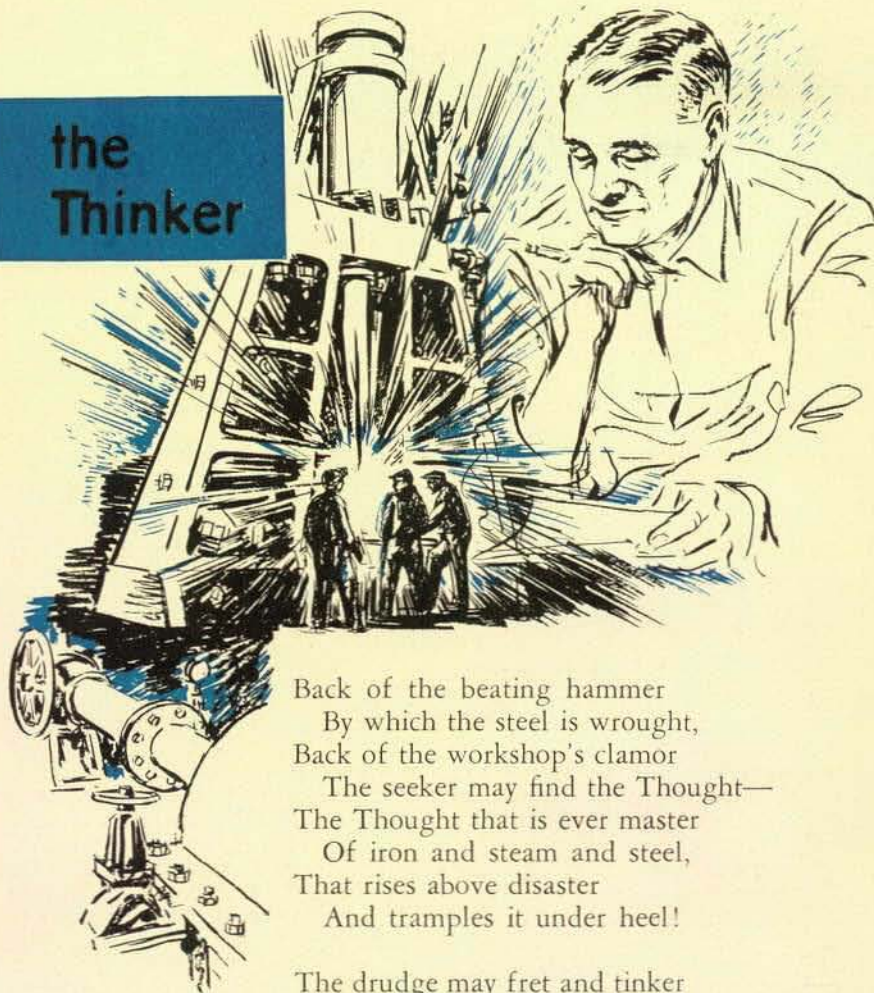
## Home for Pinkham Quads



Men working on Pinkham project, Portland, Maine. Front row, left to right: Mickey Dunn, B. M., Johnny Allen, Bill Ramsey, Tony Tanerillo, Dick Joyce, Lee Place, Beau Beauchesne. Second row: Jack Joyce, Don Morrill, Scoop DeMerchant, Joe Gorham, Charlie Lewis. Third row: Howie Hurd, Mac McCafferty, Young Scoop DeMerchant, Billy King.



## the Thinker



Back of the beating hammer  
By which the steel is wrought,  
Back of the workshop's clamor  
The seeker may find the Thought—  
The Thought that is ever master  
Of iron and steam and steel,  
That rises above disaster  
And tramples it under heel!

The drudge may fret and tinker  
Or labor with lusty blows,  
But back of him stands the Thinker,  
The clear-eyed man who knows:  
For into each plow or saber,  
Each piece and part and whole,  
Must go the Brains of Labor,  
Which gives the work a soul!

Back of the motors humming,  
Back of the bells that sing,  
Back of the hammers drumming,  
Back of the cranes that swing,  
There is the eye which scans them  
Watching through stress and strain,  
There is the Mind which plans them—  
Back of the brawn, the Brain!

Might of the roaring boiler,  
Force of the engine's thrust,  
Strength of the sweating toiler—  
Greatly in these we trust.  
But back of them stands the Schemer,  
The Thinker who drives things through;  
Back of the Job—the Dreamer  
Who's making the dream come true!

—BERTON BRALEY

Bro. Hugh Lafleur, at our last regular meeting, tendered his resignation from the Executive Board due to his many other offices in the local union. A motion of thanks was recorded in the minutes in appreciation of his loyal services to the local union. Brother Lafleur, in addition to being our recording secretary, is also the secretary of the Social and Welfare Committee and president of the Electrical Credit Union—just a case of the "willing horse pulling the heaviest load" . . .

In our manufacturing group, Brother W. Chartier, business manager, reports that he has applied for conciliation to settle grievances in the Bepco division. This shop is encountering difficulties in the classifications of employees with regard to salaries and periodical increases in pay. These procedures are sometimes quite lengthy due to our more complex labor laws in this province, but we feel sure that a fair settlement will be arrived at in due time, and at the same time it will be of great value to the negotiating committee of that shop when the new contract comes up for discussion. In the television and radio group, Brother Chartier reports that negotiations are going along quite smoothly and he is quite confident that by next month, a new agreement in the television industry will have been added to our ever increasing list of collective labor agreements.

Your Social and Welfare Committee reports that the sale of tickets for the Welfare Fund is very encouraging and wishes to express its appreciation in the name of all our Brothers. Keep a date open for October 23, which is the social event of the year for our local union, in the form of a dance to be held in the auditorium of the Carpenters Hall. There will be entertainment for all, whether you are a "be-bop" or "hep-cat" or just a plain "wallflower,"—the program has been arranged to suit everyone.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P. S.

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## Foresight Provides Water for Tulsa

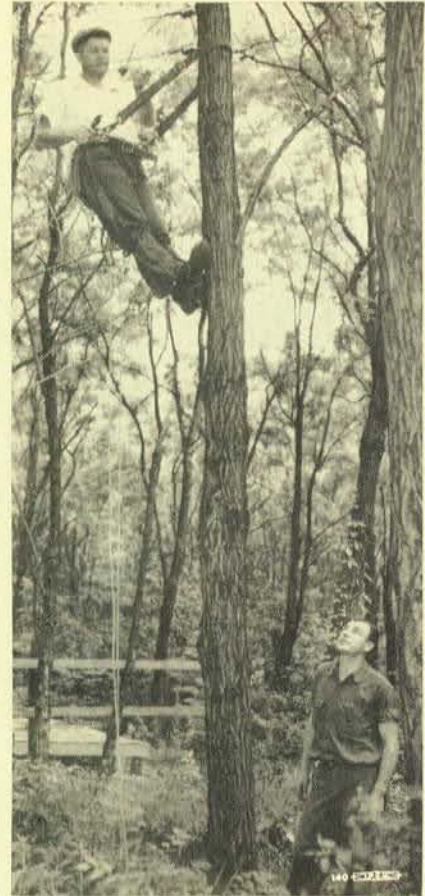
L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Last month we were all suffering from the heat here in Tulsa and at last we have had a break. We've had almost three weeks of cool rainy weather that was welcomed by everyone. At this time when other cities are having water shortages I can't help but brag about our water supply here. Many years ago our mayor, city government editors, etc. had foresight to recognize a future need for a pure, unlimited supply of water. Plans were laid and a 90-mile aqueduct was built to Spavinaw Creek, which is clean pure water fed from mountain streams of the



## Modernize Scout Camp Wiring



Members of Local 601, Champaign-Urbana, Ill., recently contributed their services to modernize the wiring facilities of the Girl Scout Camp at Mahomet, Ill. The scenes are identified in the accompanying letter.



Brown also left with us a series of bulletins which he wrote himself that we will use for future reference.

Negotiations were completed with Douglas Aircraft here for maintenance electricians. Wage increases from six to 22 cents an hour were made, setting the new scale at \$1.62 to \$2.48 an hour. Holiday and other provisions in the old contract were maintained. Representatives were George Shaull, our business agent and four Douglas maintenance electricians: Harley Richardson, Ted Adams, Paul Galloway, and B. B. McLaughlin. We believe many gains were made considering we just took over representation due to an election held this spring.

Did you ever notice that Mother Nature was the first to realize the power of organization? What would an ant be by himself? His enemies would soon stamp him out. But together and as a team the ants have survived all the years. Ducks and geese realize this by flying together in formation and always having the strongest as the leader. Deer, buffalo, etc. realized many, many years ago that by banding together in herds their dangers were lessened. Many of you have probably felt the power of

a nest of hornets working together. Just another reason why we should all stay together, Brothers. I believe nature herself has proven the power of organization where we all can see.

BOB DOOLEY, P. S.

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## Formulating Health Plan in Oakland

**L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.**—Local 595 is formulating a health plan, carefully and exhaustively considering all possibilities, so as to obtain for the membership the ultimate in benefits to be derived from such a plan. I think an expression of interest and appreciation from the members would be in order.

Ozarks. A dam was built, a lake was formed at Spavinaw, and a reservoir and purifying plant were built here. Tulsa which is the Oil Capital of the world has a very good claim to the Water Capital of the world.

We were fortunate to have with us last month Dr. William S. Brown of G. and W. Specialty Company, who gave us a most interesting lecture along with slides on Cable Splicing. The lecture was welcomed here as we are in the middle of a cable-splicing program for journeyman wiremen. Dr. Brown had samples of most every type of cable and slides covering the finer points of cable splicing. Dr.



Things in general: Transit strike—the peak in the cost of living—the symptoms of a malady in stock market reports that might indicate the possibility of something in the nature of a collapse or nervous breakdown—the enormous political petti-foggery required to accomplish the most minute positive result. All these things come under the heading of tension pattern to keep the people apprehensive about events beyond their control and make them overlook the need for closer attention to conditions in which they are personally involved.

It is to be expected that our quiescent legislative committee will revive and become active again when the need arises for mass effort on the part of the membership, financially or otherwise.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph has at last arranged a connection for me, (I think I have influence), I've only waited ten months. The number is Jefferson 7-8287 in case any one wants to know.

It's true this article isn't long, I could include a joke or song. But wishing none less than the best, I think I'll just forget the rest.

WM. O. (BILL) HURTADO, P. S.

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## Up-to-date Wiring at Girl Scout Camp

L. U. 601, CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.—Local 601 has been very busy the past few weeks as this report will endeavor to bring out as you read it.

We have a few pictures to show you and some news plus a report on this local's part in our community's 4th of July Freedom celebration which we shall tell you about in a

later report. We don't want to crowd it.

In regard to the pictures, they are a part of a group taken at Camp Kiwanis, Girl Scout Camp at Mahomet, Illinois, by Bob Creekmur (one of the several amateur photogs in our organization) who is a foreman in the electrical department at Illinois' great university.

A group of fellows from this local under leadership of R. B. McNattin (financial secretary) volunteered to do their part in bringing the camp's wiring up to date.

In one of the pictures the boys are taking off to the four winds as if the boss had just slipped around the corner but the truth is, that's the boss going off to the left.

In another, we see Paul Rubinacker has Carl Waugh treed. They're lighting the pathways back in the tall timber.

We slip out into the open and find, left to right, Wilbur Kincaid, Dick Hammersmith and Richard McNattin making a much needed improvement in the service to the main lodge.

We'll go inside now at coffee time and find Mary K. McNattin busy cleaning windows. There were quite a number of ladies there and they sure made a delicious noon meal for us. We see at the coffee table, beginning at the extreme left with Ross Brown and going on around from left to right, Carl Waugh, Wilbur Kincaid, Roscoe Kirby, George Panbacker, Glenn Wilsky, Al Ginz, Paul Rubinacker, Richard McNattin (look closely, he's hiding behind his father) and R. B. McNattin.

Next time, we'll tell you about our new officers and our Fourth of July float.

ROSCOE KIRBY, P. S.

## Free Year Wage Gain of 57%

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—Our R. E. A. Group at McComb has completed negotiations with a substantial wage increase and many fringe benefits. They have only been organized three years and have obtained a 57 percent increase in their wages during that period. Some of the fringes are: No lost time due to inclement weather and when a holiday falls on a workman's off day he receives two and one-half times his regular wages, with his next day off. The Negotiating Committee was composed of the following: Lee Kennedy, I. J. Travis, Billy Everette, Jesse Westmoreland, H. D. Williams, assistant business manager and Bob Morrison, business manager. We think that a fine job was done and our hats are off to you boys of the Magnolia Electric Power Association and our two business managers. We think you are setting a nice pattern for other R. E. A. groups in the state to follow and anyone wishing may secure a copy of this contract from our local office.

We have been getting some nice correspondence from our old friend and brother W. D. Guess, who is in the U. S. Army in Germany. He also sent us pictures, which are reproduced for you here. Brother Guess has a card about six years old and he hopes there will be plenty of jobs when he is discharged next October. Brother I'm sure there will be a job



Brother Guess

for you. We appreciate the job you are doing for us now and look forward to seeing you in October. We have many more fine young members in the armed forces over the world. We hope you are getting your JOURNAL. If not notify our local office. We shall be very happy to hear from you and to get pictures etc. for the JOURNAL.

Brother George Dawkins of Local 917, Meridian, Mississippi, was a recent visitor to one of our regular meetings. We were very glad to have you George, why don't you do it more often.

At our regular meeting held on July 3, Brother C. E. Woodall was elected as a delegate to attend our Fifth District Progress Meeting held in Gulfport, Mississippi on August 1. We congratulate Brother Woodall and we feel sure he will give us a good report.

We need journeyman linemen. Call Brother Williams 3-4831, Jackson, Mississippi.

J. W. RUSSELL, P. S.

## Traveler's Snapshot



View of Eberisheim, Germany, sent in by Brother W. D. Guess, Local 605.



## Bro. Wise Returned As Local President

**L. U. 613, ATLANTA, GA.**—A letter from President E. F. Wise bestows upon me the title of press secretary, my wife and two daughters anticipate my birthday with a new noiseless portable, an avalanche of news engulfs me, so now I pray for one quick lick at Aladdin's lamp to summon a genie who will endow me with that wee bit of talent necessary to satisfy the demands of my news-hungry Brothers of Local Union 613.

Past President Robert S. Edwards officiated at the installation of our officers, returning some tried and true veterans to the administrative offices and initiating some eager and ambitious new-comers to the boards.

President E. F. "Red" Wise's courageous leadership during the past two rather turbulent years won him a wide margin of votes over a strong and able contender.

Fred Maxwell may make a handsomer Vice President (he's got it, girls) than his predecessor, Tom Munro, but he will have to attend a lot of meetings to top Tom's attendance record.

It only takes three men to elect a recording secretary. One to nominate, another to black jack the nominee before he hollers, and a third to move the nominations be closed. Bingo! He's in. That swelling behind my right ear is still sore.

Guess who's financial secretary again! Henry Barber! Who recommended Barber College for those aspirants?

There are plenty of towns in the part of Georgia which our jurisdiction encompasses, where a man who dares identify himself as a labor organizer, is apt to find himself the recipient of a nice new coat—of tar and feathers. Yet we have just returned for his sixth consecutive term as business manager who turns up periodically with a new contract from some remote outpost in the hinterlands which even Dick Long avoids on his nocturnal fox hunts, E. W. Collier. The E must stand for Eternal, the W for Worker.

Bob Shadix has been sufficiently eulogized in last week's *Atlanta Journal of Labor*. While he looks up "eulogy" in his \$19.00 dictionary, I'll tell you he has jurisdiction over the biggest jobs in Georgia, and in the best organized town, Rome.

Assistant Business Manager Dan Stephenson, I wouldn't merely call a labor leader. He's more in the nature of a labor movement. Whole industries he brings in. He'll have union labels on lightning bugs soon.

Brother W. O. Torbett was returned as treasurer. I don't know whether he considers he won or lost, anyway he's still treasurer.

## Ceremony at Halifax, N.S.



G. M. Conard, retiring president of Local 625, Halifax, N.S., receiving an engraved watch from N. Collins, new president, while A. Williamson, recording secretary, looks on approvingly.

Mr. Milne, being a Scotsman, is probably doing some mental calisthenics with newsprint at 200 bucks a ton so let's just quickly name the board members. W. H. "Preacher" Harrell assumes chairmanship of the Executive Board with A. T. Landers, C. E. Latham, W. B. "Bubber" Weir, and A. L. Folden representing the "A" members. W. M. Moss and H. O. Whitaker will aid Dan Stephenson with the manufacturing groups.

To Paul Jones falls the task of presiding over the Examining Board, with Buddy Freeman, L. C. Waters, C. F. Zeigler, and Harold Drew plying the questions.

This correspondent, as a novice in the art (or is it sport?) of negotiating, has discovered that the contractors have neither horns nor forked tails, albeit they are reluctant to part with more money. However, with past masters such as E. W. Collier, E. F. Wise, George Spurlin, Aaron Landers, Preacher Harrell still prying away, and Herman Vogel rung in as pinch hitter, we feel sure we will be able to report a substantial gain in our next article.

O. B. CRENSHAW, P. S.

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## 28 Years Service Honored in Halifax

**L. U. 625, HALIFAX, N. S.**—Hello Brothers. Here we are again after a few months absence. By being absent for that length of time I have done a great injustice to our past president, a photo of whom I am enclosing. The photo shows Brother A. Williamson, recording secretary, N. Collins, our new president, and G. M. Conard, our retiring president of 28 years service. In the photo he is being presented with an engraved watch from the Brothers of Local 625.

Not only we of Local 625 owe a lot

to Brother Conard, but organized labor as a whole in this district is indebted to him. Brother Conard, as we all know, advocated for years and was instrumental in bringing into realization, the apprentice schools for the construction trades in this district and the province as a whole. And I'm sure that Brother Conard's friends throughout the district and province as well as the Brothers of L. U. 625 think that he has earned a much needed rest, and wish him nothing but the best of luck and health in the future.

The presentation of the watch to Brother Conard took place at our annual smoker. Perhaps I should not say annual smoker, as this is the first one held in a number of years. But with the best efforts of the Brothers we hope to make it an annual event, as I believe that all enjoyed themselves. And if they have any criticisms or suggestions to make, yours truly would only be too glad to hear them.

If any of the Brothers nearby are out of work, I am sure that they could obtain a job in this city.

Before closing I would like to remind the Brothers that starting this fall, if alleys can be obtained, there will be mixed bowling—which means your wife or girl friend may be included. All Brothers who are interested should attend the September meeting.

So shall say so long for now, Brothers. And when next meeting night rolls around would like to see your faces and hear your voices.

C. SANDFORD, P. S.

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## New Men Assume Office in Parsons

**L. U. 634, PARSONS, KANSAS**—On



## Complete Roanoke Project



These men of Local 637, Roanoke, Va., completed the electrical installations for the Philpot Power House in their jurisdiction. They are, standing, left to right: F. A. Witt, E. S. Burke, G. W. Wagner, R. W. Stewart, D. J. Wright, J. W. Hodge, H. B. Atkinson, K. K. Mason, P. L. Beckner, E. C. Bower, and A. S. Whitehead. Kneeling: Foremen Herbert Markley, Sam Templeton. Photographer: Mr. Jack Kabrick, Electrical Superintendent. Mr. John Holliday, Government Engineer, was not present when picture was taken.

July 7, 1953 our new officers took over for the next two years. They are:

President, Melvin D. Price; Vice President, B. B. Puckett; Recording Secretary, George L. Tucker; Treasurer, Harold N. Orner; Business Manager and Financial Secretary, W. O. Young. Executive Board: E. W. Stewart, Howard R. Kelle, Louis Hartness, Bill Minor.

Things look pretty good here for the future. We only have a few members on the bench at present and hope to have them working in a few days.

Will have more news next month.

GEORGE L. TUCKER, P. S.

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## \$3,600,000 Power House In Local 637 Area

L. U. 637, ROANOKE, VA.—I have news for you! The Viscose Corporation has started work on a \$3,600,000 Power House for the Roanoke plant. Delta Electric has signed an agreement with our local. They have some nice work coming up. Hope they will profit by it and be instrumental in getting some of the small contractors to realize that competent union workmen are the most economical after all. Our business manager, Brother Toby Robinson, has been negotiating for this agreement for some months. A vote of thanks to him for succeeding. The electrical work on Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital's new addition will be done by Gustave-Hirsch, Contractors, who are also doing the C. and O. Railroad Company offices at Clifton Forge. The Lone Star Cement Plant has started a new unit. The Philpot Power House is near completion. A picture of the workmen who finished the job will accompany this letter. Many others had a hand in construction over the several years. Thanks to Mr. Jack Karbrick the electric superintendent

who made it a pleasure to work on this project.

May I take this opportunity to express the local's regrets in accepting the resignation of Brother H. Carson Muddiman who has been the financial secretary for the past seven years. His duties were performed well, as he took personal pride in his work and could call the name of most men on sight, an asset in handling this office. Carson, the men do appreciate the sacrifices in time, work and interest you gave to help make your office efficient. We know you will succeed in your new work. Now Brother James F. Hatfield will take over his office as appointed by the Executive Board. Good luck to you Brother Hatfield.

We were sorry to learn that an accident has removed another member from our midst, Brother E. R. Piersall of Coalwood, West Virginia on May 21, 1953. Dynamite wires were blown in high tension line electrocuting him. Our charter was draped 30 days in his memory.

Brother W. O. Cromer is in the Memorial Hospital of Charleston, West Virginia with serious injury to both legs. All the members of this local wish him a speedy recovery.

S. M. TEMPLETON, P. S.

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## Close Race for Medford Offices

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, ORE.—Ah, me! As I write this 'tis nearly August, and once more Independence Day has come and gone with its fireworks and family picnics; and seemingly endless accident toll. On the political horizon, there are appearing faint signs that at least a segment of the GOP may be straining at the leash of Senator McCarthy's demagoguery and might possibly write their

own Declaration of Independence. Now, had Mr. McCarthy been labeled a Democrat or a lowly Independent, the good elders of the GOP could not have words suitable to describe his antics instead of taking him to their collective bosoms.

Likewise have our local elections come and gone. In a close three-way race, Bill Rutter was elected president, Guy Stearn was designated as vice president, and Charlie Cray overwhelmingly reelected business manager. Unopposed respectively for recording secretary, treasurer, and financial secretary were: Guy Smith, A. G. "Tommy" Thompson, and Oscar Silver. Congratulations, fellows, may the best of luck be yours!

The last time Harve Malot, our assistant business manager, was over he left with me this bit o' Shakespearean verse, which he says reflects the sentiments of his wife most exactly, and which I now pass on to you.

## The Lament of a B. A.'s Wife

The business agent has struck it rich  
He has troubles enough to give him  
the itch,  
People think that he's rolling in  
dough

But there's never enough for the bills  
that we owe.

The darn phone rings from morning  
'til night,

There's always something that never  
goes right,

There's calls from jails, and honkey-  
tonk bars,

And from deserted wives from near  
and far.

This job's unfair and that guy's a rat,  
There's always someone to put on the  
mat.

He talks all day so when he gets home  
He likes to read and be left alone.

He kicks at the dog and shouts at the  
kids.

I suggest a trip? . . . He blows his  
lid . . .

But you guys that live by the sweat  
of your brow

You won't be crazy a year from now.  
So give your B. A. all your support  
For he works damn hard holding the  
fort.

Just give a pat on the back sometimes,  
Believe me Brother, he earns his  
dimes,

He'd like to be told he is doing swell,  
That no one else could do it so well.  
He is one tired guy at the end of his  
day,

His bonus is just in the thanks that  
you say.

He is a union man . . . one hundred  
percent,

And I'm sure you'll agree . . . a darn  
fine gent.

P. S. He is a swell B. A. down at the  
hall,

But a B. A. at home is no good at all.  
So let me have my man on Sunday,  
And you tell your troubles to him on  
Monday.



Your B. A.'s wife shares part of the load  
And sometimes it seems a pretty rough road.  
You guys can have him most of the time  
But please, on Sunday . . . let him be mine! ! !

It is Sunday evening about 5 p.m., I have almost typed this letter. The sun shines brightly upon this ever-green empire; it is breezeless, the temperature hovering around 70 degrees, and everyone seems content to loaf about the yard making idle conversation with the next door neighbor. Suddenly, a voice on the radio says, "And now, ladies and gentlemen, we take you to Panmunjom where we shall witness the signing of the Korean Armistice."

Well, there it is just like that, this fantastic nightmarish war is over. The reaction, a moment's grim pause that seems to say "What next?" It is not like the end of a war, there is no wild joy, no celebrating, only that grimly cynical, "What next?" Let us pray that there will be no "next," not ever.

L. J. WAY, P. S.

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## Lay-offs Reduced By Union Efforts

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Impending lay-offs as previously reported here have been greatly reduced by the concerted efforts of all labor representatives and unions affiliated with Brooklyn Metal Trades Council, AFL, and the Commander of the New York Naval Shipyard.

Threatened with these wholesale lay-offs due to the divergence of defense shipbuilding and other defense work to private industry by the Navy Department, more than 2,000 union blue-collar workers, headed by Ralph Henry, president of the Brooklyn Metal Trades Council, threatened to descend upon Washington to protest and to seek additional work for yard employees. This was to take place on July 7th. However, when various Congressmen representing the metropolitan New York District and some in New Jersey where the Bayonne Annex is located, learned of this action, they advised that a union representative delegation should first be sent and the matter discussed.

L. W. Ferris, President of the Master Mechanics and Foremen's Association, Third Naval District, in a circular to the various shipyard groups pointed out innumerable reasons why the impending RIF should be held in abeyance or at least greatly reduced. He pointed out that if it was the expressed desire of this administration—following campaign promises—to reduce taxes, save money and yet maintain the security of this country,

it must also maintain a high level of employment.

Among other reasons he stated that the money spent to train the yard's personnel and to tool it, would be wasted if such a cut-back should take place.

In asking for the Department of the Navy to seek authorization of Congress to start construction of another modern attack aircraft carrier to be known as the CVA61 and to award us the job, it was pointed out that our yard is building the USS Saratoga (CVA60) which it is understood will be a sister ship. It was also pointed out that more than \$1,000,000 has been saved in construction costs by the management and labor of N. Y. N. Shipyard. That is why it is known as the "Can-Do" yard throughout the nation.

As the net result of the actions taken by the unions, the Master Mechanics and Foremen's Association and by the individual efforts of Rear Admiral Cowdrey, Yard Commander, the RIFs were reduced to a negligible amount of less than 200 employees and additional work awarded. The success of the new canted flight deck of the USS Antietam which was to be deactivated (the work was done by union labor and others) has resulted in the Navy changing its plans and returning the vessel to this yard after trials for additional work, which it is estimated, will take five months to complete.

In addition, a number of repair and other jobs totaling 80,000 man days of work has been secured which will greatly ameliorate the loss of the 125,000 man days which was faced at the outset. It is hoped that it will offset the production slump which was evidenced when the news of the then

impending lay-offs reached the ears of the construction workers.

At a high level meeting of department heads, union labor leaders and key civilian personnel, Rear Admiral Cowdrey said, in part, "The securing of work in the future is directly dependent upon our performance today." He put it squarely up to labor to produce more economically and efficiently so the work will continue to come in.

Because of his efforts to help labor secure more work and thereby keep manpower at a high level, our union sent a letter of commendation to him.

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## Thomas Leave Rider Killed by Congress

The death of the Thomas Leave Rider of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1953 on June 29th, which reached this desk too late for publication in the August issue of this JOURNAL, boosted the morale of all blue-collar workers here.

This rider if it had been passed would have forfeited the 1952 annual leave not taken by an employee prior to June of this year. In its stead several amendments were passed which entitled employees to accumulate annual leave until it totals not more than 30 days at the beginning of the first complete bi-weekly pay period in any year. The only employees allowed to have more than 30 days annual leave to their credit are those who, at the end of the last bi-weekly pay period in 1952, had in excess of 30 days. These people will not be permitted to accumulate more than they had to their credit at that time.

Any leave accumulated and not used, as vacation leave, was formerly payable in cash on a per diem basis when the worker become separated

## Taking Obligation at New York Local



Local 664's newly elected officers who were sworn in by retired Brother Jack Skelton, its past president on July 16th are, front row, left to right: Edward M. McCormack, Angelo Granata, executive board members; Raymond Johnson, recording secretary; John F. West, business manager; William A. Solan, treasurer and Hyman Shapiro, financial secretary. Rear row, left to right: Russell E. Gibbs, executive board member; Joseph Davolio, Harry Purpura and Stanley Kozuck all examining board members; Conrad Nestler, president; Franklyn A. Moran, executive board member; Harold Kayser, vice-president. Brother Nathan Doctors, another member of the executive board was not present.



from Government service. Another new provision of the law states that after August 31, in case an employee should become separated from Government service no lump sum payment for annual leave shall exceed compensation in excess of the 30 days or the number of days carried over at the beginning of the year, whichever is greater.

The passage of this provision was undoubtedly made because of the vast lump sums of moneys, which in the past, have been paid out to employees in the higher echelons of Government service when they either resigned or retired. Many were political appointees, elected officers and the like. Ex-President Truman had considerable money of this character due him, which, it was reported, he refused to accept.

JOSEPH F. KRIKAWA, P. S.

## New Slate of Officers For Elizabeth Local 675

L. U. 675, ELIZABETH, N. J.—I.B.E.W. L. U. 675 Elizabeth, New Jersey, elected a slate of officers on June 16, 1953.

Installation of the following officers took place July 7, 1953:

President, Ralph T. Weber; Vice-President, Anthony Witkowski; Recording Secretary, Adolph Ghuzzi; Treasurer, Russell Zingler; Financial Secretary, John F. Werner; Business Manager, Sherman G. Kisner.

Executive Board: Patrick Dowling, Samuel Hargreaves, Sherman M. Kisner, Charles F. Krauss, Alfred E. Lockwood.

Examining Board: Lawrence A. Kisner, Louis Bettinger, Sr., Albert J. Cohan, Frank J. Mastrian.

Our annual picnic on Saturday, June 26, 1953 was well attended and a good time was had by all.

GEORGE H. AARON, P. S.

## Utility Negotiations At Gulf Power

L. U. 676, PENSACOLA, FLA.—Greetings Brothers from L. U. 676 in Pensacola on the western tip of Florida. Ours is a utility, maintenance, and construction workers local of over 450 members who enjoy all the rights and privileges of union men in addition to the joy and fun of living in Florida.

As the result of the recent election, C. J. Kiedenger is our new financial secretary and business agent; President, E. W. Thompson, Jr.; Vice President McDowell, and Recording Secretary, B. Wright were all reelected, while C. G. Capps is our new treasurer. Executive Board members, some old and some new are: John Powel,

Carl Appeli, Bert Ard, C. G. Capps, and N. A. Andrews.

Negotiations are still under way for our utility members with Gulf Power Company. Last year we got a 10 percent wage increase. Maintenance workers will soon begin to negotiate a new contract with St. Regis Paper Company. Construction workers have just recently negotiated a 10 percent wage increase although the actual signing of the contract was preceded by a four-week continuous meeting during which, of course, no work could be performed within the jurisdiction of this local.

J. OTTLEY, P. S.

## Consideration Asked For Business Agent

L. U. 697, GARY AND HAMMOND, IND.—Well, here we are in the middle of summer again, the time of year when we want to get out the old casting rod and go after old "Oscar" again. What other pleasure can compare with sitting on the edge of a shady trout pool at just about sundown, and hauling out the speckled beauties and defying the gnats and mosquitoes to do their worst. Well, yours truly will be doing just that by the time this is in print, up on the "Buck Tail" trail in the Allegheny mountains of northern Pennsylvania.

We were greatly pleased to have with us recently two of our staunch old Local 697 members, Brothers Jack Dierhiemer of Tampa, Florida and Duncan (Scotty) Russell of Los Angeles, California. They both gave us two fine talks of a reminiscent and aggressive trend.

Brother Russell said one thing in particular that hit home to all of us. He said, "Don't expect your business agent to be a superman, able to handle every petty problem that arises. Every one of you to a great extent, is a business agent and you must always keep the interests of Local Union 697 ahead at all times and in all places."

Brother Dierhiemer told us of the time when we were a poor and struggling unit of a few members who at times were unable to even pay our business manager a salary. How we have grown and progressed in the last twenty years! From a scant membership of about 85 to over 600! From a small group of "knob and tube" artists to a strong, efficient local capable of installing any kind of an industrial or power job in any industrial plant in our jurisdiction.

Brother Dierhiemer is the picture of good health and I would like to ask him right now, "Jack, have you found Ponce de Leon's fountain of youth down there in Florida? You certainly look as though you had."

Brother Russell looked well and fit.

By the time this letter is in print our annual mid-summer dance will have been held so will tell more about it in my next letter.

H. B. FELTWELL, P. S.

## Take Part in Greenfield's 2 Hundredth Anniversary

L. U. 761, GREENFIELD, MASS.—I am enclosing a photo showing that Local 761 was ably represented in the 200th anniversary celebration of Greenfield, Massachusetts. We were very proud to be a part of such a large parade which took three and one-half hours to pass the reviewing stand and I know that the Brothers will be pleased to see this photo in the JOURNAL. This being vacation time, a large number of our members are enjoying their two and three weeks vacation as covered by our contract.

HARRY HODGEBOM, F. S.

## Close Election Held in Windsor

L. U. 773, WINDSOR, ONT.—Well, here we go to press for Local 773. We had a little party for two old-timers, Brother Robertson and Brother Compo. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and dance.

We also had election of officers which was very close. Our new business manager is R. A. Meharry; president, R. Wallace; treasurer, S. Krulley; vice president, R. Carter, and financial secretary, J. Turner. Executive Board members are W. Head, G. Hope, K. Dodge, M. Knott, O. Hogan and C. Bygrove.

B. BAKER, P. S.

## "Plenty of Work" For Jackson Local

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—Yours truly is back to work with his nose to the grind stone. Had a wonderful vacation in Florida . . . Sun burn and all.

We have plenty of work here in the Hub City of Tennessee—all our membership working and, as you know, this goes for harmony in any local union.

Your press secretary and Business Manager, W. E. Nichols attended the Panel meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 11th. It makes one feel good to attend these meetings and see a bunch of good "Joes" banding together to see that things are ironed out to the benefit of each local union concerned.

Fellow Members, my report on "Neighbor" Kilpatrick is encouraging,



He has gained 20 pounds—has gone from 38 waist-line to a good 43, from 15½ dress shirt to 17½—Boy, they certainly must feed well in O. M. S. Memphis, Tennessee. Write him at this address. As you know, or the ones that did know "Neighbor," he gave his all to T. V. A. and Local Union 835. Give a little of your time to this great guy. Send a note of encouragement. He is very grateful to those who have dropped him a line since he has been confined to bed.

A. Johnny Harper, who was a former member of L. U. 835 and worked for T. V. A. at Martin, Tennessee until about two years ago until his health failed, passed away. I know you will be sorry to learn of this.

You will recall our report of Brother Edgar Shiply's passing about three months ago. Death has struck this family again. Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Spencer Shiply, Brother Edgar Shiply's wife, was killed instantly at 9:25 Thursday, July 9th, when her car struck an embankment following a front tire blowout. The accident occurred on Highway 8, six miles west of Houston, Mississippi, near Pyland, where Mrs. Shiply and other occupants of the car lived.

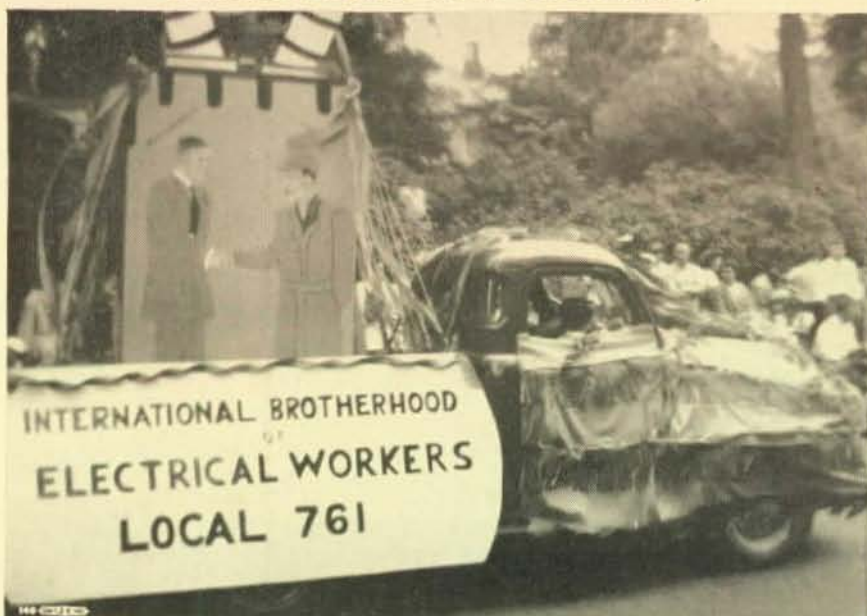
In the car also, now hospitalized in the Houston Hospital, were her father, W. O. Spence, Mrs. Shiply's two children, and Frank Lowe.

The police who investigated the accident, said from eye-witness accounts, Mrs. Shiply was driving at a moderate rate of speed when the blowout occurred, but lost control of the car and made a head-on crash into the embankment.

This seems to be about all the news from yours truly, and Local Union 835—in the Hub City of Tennessee—we cover Tennessee like the dew.

J. W. GOODWIN, P. S.

## Commemorate 200th Anniversary



This float was entered by Local 761, Greenfield, Mass., in the parade marking the 200th anniversary of this town.

### Announce Officers For Bayonne Local

L. U. 868, BAYONNE, N. J.—Our local held an installation party after our meeting July 7, 1953, at the Mackenzie Post Hall. Refreshments were served to the large group of members who attended this very important meeting. The election, which was held in June, was very closely contested. The following were elected to office:

Chester Fisher was elected president again after an absence of two years, Stephen Kachmarsky new vice president, Edward Hanak reelected as recording secretary, John Kennedy reelected as treasurer, Robert Czaplicki, former shop steward elected as

financial secretary. Elected as lay members of the Executive Board: Joseph Melnick and John Mackiewicz.

The new officers were installed by outgoing president, Joseph Podraza.

EDWARD HANAK, R. S.

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### Chicago Local 885 Installs Officers

L. U. 885, CHICAGO, ILL.—At our last regular meeting, July the 20th, installation of officers was held. These officers were elected the previous month. The officers elected were:

Harold E. Hoeft, president; I. Berman, vice-president; S. Haugh, recording secretary; G. Strohm, finan-

## After Installation at Bayonne N. J.



Officers of Local 868, Bayonne, N. J. Left to right: Treasurer John Kennedy, Recording Secretary Edward Hanak, Vice President Stephen Kachmarsky, President Chester Fisher, Outgoing President Joseph Podraza, Financial Secretary Robert Czaplicki, and lay members of the Executive Board Joseph Melnick and John Mackiewicz.



## Plan Annual L. A. Dance



These members of Local 889, Los Angeles, Calif., and their guests assured, through their fine program planning, the success of the local's recent annual dance. From left to right, they are: Chairman of Dance Committee Raymond T. Finerty; Mrs. Finerty; Lawrence Welk; Mrs. J. E. Payton; James E. Payton. The other members of the Dance Committee—Guy A. Willis, Dean E. Watson, and Brother Sol Hager, were not available for the picture.

cial secretary, and B. Johnson, treasurer.

Good luck to these Brothers for a successful term in office.

Brother Hoeft was again elected president after missing two terms, being on the International staff. He has held office for 25 years.

DANIEL S. KOZLOWSKI, P. S.

## Los Angeles Local Holds Annual Dance

**L. U. 889, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**—The annual dance of Local Union 889 was held Friday evening, May 15, 1953, at the Aragon Ballroom, Lick Pier in Ocean Park, Santa Monica, California. This gala affair was attended by a large number of members, their wives, and friends.

This year the music was furnished by Lawrence Welk and his Champagne Music. Since Lawrence Welk is one of the most popular bands on the Coast, all of us were looking forward to hearing his music and also watching his show televised. This proved to be quite interesting for many of the members, most of them being ardent Lawrence Welk TV fans.

The Union Dance has become an item of great conversation and anticipation by many of our friends and members. As it was, the attendance showed that the Annual Dance was a success and the Local Union extends a vote of thanks to Brother Raymond T. Finerty, chairman of the Dance Committee, and to Brothers James E. Payton, Guy A. Willis, Dean E. Watson, Sol Hager for a very enjoyable evening. We hope that all our future dances will be as successful as this one has been.

F. L. CLAYTON, P. S.

## Local Scribe in Fisherman's Heaven

**L. U. 910, WATERTOWN, N. Y.**—The jurisdiction of Local Union No. 910 covers roughly a territory of 6,000 square miles in the beautiful North Country of New York State. Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River are our western and northern boundaries. In these waters are found Black Bass, Oswego Bass, Wall-eyed Pike, Northern Pike and Muskies. Inland Lakes are throughout the area, the village of Theresa, the home of your correspondent, lies in the heart of 14 lakes, all in a radius of 10 miles. Lake Trout are found in several of these lakes besides the species already mentioned. Brook and Brown Trout abound in the smaller streams. The "1000 Islands" of the St. Lawrence River are a sight not to be missed on a day or moonlight cruise. "Nuf said about our scenic beauty and Fisherman's Paradise."

Our full time business manager, Brother Walter H. Maxim, had to cover a good many miles to cover this extensive territory, which radiates from our local union office in the beautiful city of Watertown. Massena, New York which lies on our northern boundary is only a few miles from the St. Lawrence River Power project which after 50 years of consideration seems on the verge of being actually built at this writing.

Local 910 has just successfully negotiated a contract with the contractors association for the ensuing year. The local prides itself on jobs well done and our Negotiating Committee consisting of Brothers Walter Maxim, Charles Ferguson and William Woodall are to be commended on the able and efficient manner in which the negotiations were handled. They secured an increase of 10 cents "across the board" for construction men and an additional five cents and an added 30 cents on high and underground time. The heavy construction rate is \$3.05.

Several members of the local are working out of the jurisdiction at the present time. One crew left recently for Venezuela on a mine job, Brother William Woodall is superintendent and Brothers Eddie Bouchard, and William Marney accompanied him. Best of luck boys—don't try to change it. Our Business Manager received a very interesting letter from another of our traveling members, namely, Brother "Cowboy" Robert Simpson, who is working on an "unwatering job" at the Calumet and Heda Copper Mines at Calumet, Michigan. (His address is Lake Linden Hotel, Lake Linden, Michigan.) "Cowboy" is prominently known in the local because he stimulates interest in the attendance of union meetings, which are not as well attended as they should be (other locals probably have the same trouble). One of Bob's angles is to get the right of the floor from the President and say "I make a motion that we have a clambake and each member be assessed five dollars for the same." The motion is tabled and you would be surprised at the attendance at the next meeting.

We wish to pause in the midst of this triviality for a moment. It is with deep regret, that we note the passing to a fuller life of Brother Thomas J. Moran, who died on April 20, 1953. He was a popular and long time member of Local 910 and his loss is keenly felt by the officers and members of this local union.

Well Brothers, I have used more space than a new scribe rates but I have found one piece of advice that I would like to pass along, (take it or leave it).

"During the balance of the year,  
In your daily stops for beer;  
Make it two instead of three,  
Save a dime for Ma and Thee."

Greetings to all the 910 boys who are working away from home. If you have any news or photographs you want to put in the JOURNAL write to us and we will forward the same.

W. E. "BUCK" BAILEY, P. S.

## Member Begins 31st Year as Treasurer

**L. U. 1029, WOONSOCKET, R. I.**—Election of officers was held at our last regular meeting in June and the following were nominated: president, Kenneth J. Walsh; vice president, Lucien Hubert; recording secretary, Daniel Forestal; treasurer, William



Fish, who is starting his 31st year as treasurer and who is a charter member; financial secretary, Edward Wyspianski; business agent, Michael Dolinski, who also is the fourth vice president of the Rhode Island State Branch, AFL, and also AFL Representative for the Rhode Island Community Fund. He is also very active on city and state committees for the AFL.

On the Executive Board are: Kenneth Walsh, Daniel Forestal, Oliver L'Heroux, Ed Wyspianski, Robert Dunne, Raymond Guimond and Lucien Hubert. On the Examining Board: John Cote, Daniel Forestal and Robert Tyler.

Here's good luck to our new business agent and plenty of thanks to our former business agent, Herbert Nutting for a job well done. Also a bouquet of roses goes to our retiring financial secretary, Ralph Nutting who is going to be missed for being able to stand all the ribbing in all his years as financial secretary. Enjoy yourself, Pop, you deserve it.

For our testimonial in their honor plans are still incomplete.

EDWARD WYSPIANSKI, P. S.

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## 8½c Wage Boost Won in Ambridge

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—The eight-and-one-half-cent-an-hour raise was the first problem faced by our new local union president, John Deyber, who took office July 2nd. Arrangements were made by International Representative Andy Johnson, our president, John Deyber, and the Executive Board to meet with our company, National Electric Products, Tuesday, July 7th. At this meeting a wage increase of eight and one half cents was negotiated. Two special meetings were called July 9th at the Ambridge High Auditorium, one p.m. and four p.m., for the union members to approve the new rate increase which was negotiated with the company by International Representative Andy Johnson, Local Union President John Deyber, Executive Board Members Ernest Kalember, John Zalinski, James Koury, and Board Chairman Alfred Pfeiffer. Union members were unanimously in favor of the new rate of eight and one half cents which went into effect July 1st instead of July 21st which is the anniversary date of our two-year contract.

Corrections. At the July 2nd meeting we members here had our pros and cons as many other locals probably have had. The question was about the election recount. The election tellers gave the body two decisions to choose—first count or a new election. The members were found to be in favor of the first election count. And Brother James Koury is the

winner as an Executive Board member and John Wolf the loser. Our active union members who won the election on the Executive Board, Nick Kalabokes and Steve Altounian, resigned as Board members. Brother Nick Kalabokes had his resignation in writing but Brother Steve Altounian's was not in writing. So at the time of this writing we do not know if Brother Steve Altounian is a Board member or not, but we do hope these two active Brothers do not lose interest in union affairs.

It is with the deepest regret that

I have to report the untimely death of our very capable and well liked 27-year rubber mill department employe, George Boven who suddenly passed away from a heart attack on his third week of vacation, July 21, at the age of 52. It was a great shock to the rubber mill employes when the deceased member suddenly passed away after working steadily. Respect was paid by our members. Brother Tom Murtecko and Chester Kamzelski were pallbearers and our local union president took a day off to use his car for the funeral.

## "Assignments for Apprentice Wiremen"

We publish the following letter received recently, in the hope that it may be helpful to some of our locals in their apprentice work.

Dear Brother Milne:

Since the nice write-up from L. U. No. 7 in the June, 1953 ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL, there have been several inquiries about our course "Assignments for Apprentice Wiremen." May I give some additional information about this work.

Under the direction and supervision of a State Joint Committee composed of four IBEW members and four NECA members we have prepared four groups of individual assignments for the apprentices. These groups are a progressive series in which we attempt to introduce the apprentice to some fundamentals of his trade. We realize that in the short period of four years (576 school hours) he cannot thoroughly cover the whole field, therefore, we attempt to establish a foundation upon which he can build in the many years ahead. We do not have laboratory or practice, the apprentice gets that in his 8000 hours (four years) on the job.

This material is designed to be used in classes operated by a local J. A. C. It is not a lecture course. It can easily be supplemented but not used in part. Through a study of fundamentals we hope to stimulate in the apprentice an interest in his trade, give him practice in searching for answers to questions in an organized manner and get some familiar reference books in his home so that he may continue to get these answers for himself in the future.

The course is being used by all 21 programs in the state operating 43 classes as well as local programs in nine other states. And we find that:

1. The instructor can handle up to 20 apprentices successfully.
2. Class can be made up of apprentices who are all working in one group or in all of the four groups.
3. A new apprentice can be started at any time of year.
4. Instructor does not have to be an experienced teacher but just an average journeyman, one who can make a practical application of his knowledge.

Any local program that may want to look this course over can get copies by writing to me, Box 236 F. E., College Station, Texas. I will send an instructor's copy of each of the four groups which may be returned in 90 days if the course is not adopted and there will be no charge. The secretary or chairman of the Local J. A. C. should make the request.

I must not close without giving credit where it is due. This course, with its many imperfections, would have been impossible without the whole-hearted cooperation of the industry—journeymen, contractors, business managers, NECA chapter managers, and the 41 instructors in the state (38 of whom are journeymen wiremen working at the trade). I would especially thank Brother Murray Wykes, member of my home Local 520, who was President of L. U. 520 when I was business manager. He has given much of his time to help me.

Very truly yours,  
L. B. BAKER, Specialist  
Apprentice Training for  
Electrical Trades



Walter Kleemok was appointed the new Executive Board member to replace Nick Kalabokes a union member, also an employe of the National Electric appointed and selected Walter Kleemok to be her husband. Veronica Lucas, and Walter exchanged marital vows at the Holy Ghost Orthodox church. Father Michael Kovac officiated at the ceremony. A dinner was held in Byersdale hotel for the bridal party and close friends. Later in the evening a reception was held at the Ukrainian Club of Ambridge with approximately 150 attending. The couple honeymooned in Atlantic City. Congratulations go to both of you.

Union news, local news, or your family news—to make our union column for Ambridge Local Union better, notify any of your union officers or your press secretary. Let's have some news about that summer vacation.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

## Local 1184 Chooses A Press Agent

L. U. 1184, CHESTER, PA.—At our last regular monthly meeting our unit revealed its indication to progress and mature. By this, I mean, we took the initiative to fill the office of Public Relations and Press Agent.

We have had the very good fortune to secure the services of one of our past presidents whom I personally think will do a good and sane job.

His articles will appear in future issues of our JOURNAL.

WILLIAM R. CAREY, R. S.

## Progress of 1381 Clerical Workers

L. U. 1381, MINEOLA, N. Y.—L. U. 1381 CLERICAL WORKERS FORGE AHEAD—This caption is possible only because of the splendid cooperation furnished by our International Office and the very capable assistance of International Representative John Patrick Daly during our recent negotiations with the Long Island Lighting Company. Members of our own Negotiating Committee who also deserve a hand for a job well done are: Business Manager Charles T. Tupper, President George K. Nichol, Vice President Wallace Pearsall, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Rogall and Treasurer Joseph McCloat.

Some of the benefits we have gained along with a five percent general increase are, 11 guaranteed holidays, meal allowance increase to \$1.50, call out time increased to three hours at applicable overtime rate, a shift bonus of 0-10 cents-10 cents plus general improvement in many other contract items.

We also adopted at this time, after many weary months of work, a new job evaluation program, which for example, gives our meter readers a maximum of \$81.76 and collectors a maximum of \$89.61 for a 40-hour week, our senior tabulating machine operator a maximum of \$106.05 and our senior telephone operator a maximum of \$84.00 for a 37½-hour week. Our gas transmission operator now has a 40-hour maximum of \$113.13 plus a shift bonus of 0-10 cents-10 cents. These are just a few of the many jobs that benefited from the job evaluation program.

The above is a small indication of the gains brought about by our affiliation with the I.B.E.W. The best part of all is that the end is not yet in sight.

ROBERT BALDUF, P. S.

## New Commander at Coast Guard Yard

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Vacation time is now here, so this brief report will refresh a little, with the 95-footers going along very nicely. Most of them are now in the water and getting outfitted, tested and the final checkup. I report splendid progress.

At this time, L. U. 1383 officers and members have the honor to introduce and welcome the new commanding officer of the United States Coast Guard Yard, Captain C. W. Thomas. As commander at Curtis Bay he succeeds Captain Charles W. Dean, who retired March 31, 1953, as a result of permanent disability. While the yard will miss Captain Dean, let us all pull together with Captain Thomas.

At the regular meeting with President George Burkhardt in the chair, the proceedings moved along like clockwork. The entertainment committee is cooking up a crab feast for Saturday, August 8th at Bayside Beach, Maryland. Brothers Roger Butler, Jr. and Charles Jenkins are

## Bowler



Victor Verdekkel, President of Local 1402, congratulating Catherine Samerine on her outstanding bowling achievement.

two new Brothers who recited the obligation successfully and are now our members. Welcome and good luck to you both.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

## L. U. 1402 Sister Wins Tournament

L. U. 1402, PITTSBURGH, PA.—Hail the champ! The champ is none other than our own Sister of 1402, Catherine Samerine of the North Side in Pittsburgh. This outstanding performance of Catherine's was achieved in the 17th annual Croatian Fraternal Union duckpin tournament at Speedy Lane's, East McKeesport.

Now this young lady waded through all the competition to come up with three titles, not just one little title, but three big ones. Wow! In the Singles event, Catherine had a total of 561 pins, or an average of 187 for three games. Now hold your hats men, for her single game high was a big 213 and if anyone should ask you, that's a mess of maple. In the all-events she had a grand total of 1,420 pins, and the best part of it is that Catherine only weighs a little better than 100 lbs., 100 lbs of dynamite that is.

We are all mighty proud of you Catherine, so in your next bowling event, good luck and may all your troubles be potential spares.

That's all the news from 1402.

In closing we wish to leave you with this thought.

In order for you to stay alive,  
Be safe and careful whenever you drive.

BUZZ SCHWARTZ, P. S.

## 5% Boost Among Contract Advances

L. U. 1439, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Through diligent and consistent negotiations, our committee consisting of President Walter Curtis, Business Manager Eugene Roedder, Brothers Ted Myers, Bob Johnston and Ivy Carmack have concluded a wage agreement and contract. Pay increase of five per cent, improvements on retirement plan, insurance, sick leave and other benefits were obtained.

These are not all to be bragged about, but they are the result of a clear understanding between our members and the company. The Union Electric Company of Missouri materials used were principally facts and common sense, so there has been no rancor or ill will generated.

Surely you have read the glowing accounts of the 11th District Progress meeting held July 17, 18 and 19 in St. Louis guided by our esteemed International Vice President, Frank



W. Jacobs. I can add nothing to them.

Naturally, we are to show progress at next year's meeting at Kansas City, Missouri. For, at these meetings you meet the men that are interested in our progress.

True progress can only be made by concerted efforts of mind and matter, and a true sense of unity.

T. W. RAUER, P. S.

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## Unanimous Acceptance Of Raytheon Pact

L. U. 1505—NEWTON, WALTHAM, QUINCY, WATERTOWN, BRIGHTON, ALLSTON, BOSTON, BROCKTON, BEDFORD, MASS.—One of the largest membership meetings of the past few years on July 26 unanimously accepted the 1953-54 contract with Raytheon.

The event took place at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, after months of negotiations finally ended with an agreement with the electronics firm.

Contained in the new contract were pay increases ranging from four cents per hour for incentive workers, through five to ten cents per hour for the non-incentive employees. Other additional fringes dealt with: Sick pay, upped from a limit of \$35 to \$45; death benefit up from a limit of \$2,500 to \$3,000, and paid leave for members who have a death in the immediate family. All these benefits were gained at no cost to the members of the local and many thanks go to the wide awake negotiating committee.

Now that all the raiding talk is over by the IUE-CIO outsiders, it might be well to point out that the contract won by Local 1505 was better by one and one-half per cent per average wage over that obtained at GE by the CIO.

At this writing President David J. Coady, Jr., hopes to advance on Springfield with a solid block of votes from 25 delegates from Local 1505 toward winning the state vice-presidency of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor at the conclave August 10 to 14.

We nearly had a "queen" in our midst recently. Shapely Marianne Martuscelli of Bleachery Department 5144 was in the finals of the "Miss Massachusetts" contest in Framingham. A former Rogers model, who had to give up training because of the low pay, she hopes someday to really cash in on her beauty. The winner is the daughter of Al Daley of Department 3841, from Somerville.

Plant No. 3 in Quincy is well on the way to completion and an additional 600 persons are to go on the payroll there.

There is no immediate change in the future because of the signing of

## Won Increases in Massachusetts



Neophytes on the negotiating committee compare notes before the final session which won substantial wage increases and other benefits for Local 1505 members. Left to right, the chief stewards are: Joe Capalbo, Newton; Jim Cheyne, Maintenance; Lloyd Sharpe, Power Tube and Jack Fitzgerald, Power Tube. (Scope photo by A. O. Nicolazzo.)



Both ends of the yardstick sun themselves near the Charles River in Watertown. Left is Marguerite (Midge) Bolanger, 18, who is four feet eight inches, and works as a packager in Navy Spares. Her tall friend is Eileen Livingstone, 20, who towers six feet three inches and is also employed in Department 5145. She hopes to enter modeling school this Fall in Boston. (Scope photo by A. O. Nicolazzo.)

the Korean armistice. Raytheon recently stated that it had \$200,000,000 in defense contracts still on the shelf to be completed.

Plans for a fall dance are stirring in the minds of the entertainment committee, co-chaired by Vice-



Local 1505 had a representative in the finals for the title of Miss Massachusetts in Marianne Martuscelli of Dept. 5144. Some interesting statistics on the lovely beauty are: Age, 18; height, five feet six; weight, 120 pounds; bust, 37; waist, 23; hips, 35. She is a former Rogers model but had to interrupt her modeling career in order to earn some of the long green folding material at Raytheon. We have high hopes for her. (Scope photo by A. O. Nicolazzo.)



## Signing Revised Agreement in Portland



The above photograph, taken in Portland, Oregon, marked the occasion of the approving of the revised Collective Agreement between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Columbia Power Trades Council by Dr. Paul J. Raver, Administrator of Bonneville Power Administration, on May 12, 1953, effective May 31, 1953.

Mr. Rudolf Stormer, B. P. A. Labor Relations Officer, is on the left and on the right is International Representative Gene Heiss, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the C.P.T.C.

The original agreement was executed on May 2, 1945 and this year's negotiations were the Eighth Annual Negotiation Conference between the parties.

The C.P.T.C. is comprised of Local Unions affiliated with fifteen A.F.L. International Unions which represent all hourly paid employees of the B.P.A.

This method of bargaining with Federal Agencies was a new departure at the time it was introduced. It has since provided a pattern for collective bargaining with other Government agencies and has proven of tremendous value to all crafts in addition to I.B.E.W. members.

Ninth District Vice President O. G. Harbak is largely responsible for developing the excellent labor relations we now enjoy with Bonneville Power Administration. Brother Harbak worked diligently to make the C.P.T.C. a success and in so doing, established a mutual understanding and respect between labor and management on this huge transmission system.

The Electrical Workers employed by B.P.A. are members of Local Union No. 125, Portland, Oregon, which has jurisdiction over all B.P.A. Electrical Workers over the entire system.

Business Manager W. L. Vinson and Business Representative F. A. Duke have done an excellent job in representing our members employed by the B.P.A. and their assistance in negotiations proved very valuable to the Negotiating Committee of the C.P.T.C.

President John J. Casey and Joseph L. Lally.

The death of former Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin saddened all of us in the labor field. Present at his funeral were Assistant Business Manager Andrew A. McGlinchey and Financial Secretary Melvin D. Eddy, representing the local, while President Coady was an official representative of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor. The local authorized a \$100 contribution to the Archbishop Cushing Nazareth Fund in memory of Mr. Tobin.

A new type of contract, featuring simplified language and an alphabetical index, will be printed and in the hands of the members by early fall, it was announced by the local's Education Committee.

Local 1505, along with all organized labor in Massachusetts, will tender a reception to Archbishop Richard J. Cushing on October 16 at the Boston Garden. He long has been recognized as a "friend of the working man." Net proceeds from the affair will aid the Nazareth Fund, a home to be built for orphans regardless of creed. We have one note of advice: Be sure to get your tickets early! On the committee are President Coady and Scope Feature Editor Joseph G. Dever.

Jerry Blake, of Department 5243, returned to work after vacation with numerous stories about Havana, Cuba. It really sounded like some trip. Eddie Cunha and his wife also visited the home of rum and coke.

JOSEPH R. VALLELY, P. S.

## Scribe's Son Dies At Veteran's Hospital

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Today the foremost news is the passing, on July 12th, of Brother Marshall O. Lane (my son) at the Veterans Hospital at Jamaica Plain, after being a patient there for the last 10 months. Our members showed him every kindness and consideration through his illness, and to his family at the end. Others beside myself have known the unending effects of war, and I quote lines which were familiar ones to him: "For life is ever lord of death, and love can never lose its own."

Work has speeded up since vacation and several new ones have been hired.

There is a large order of long channels, which are being sprayed in the "dungeon," by Charlie Alpert. The "dungeon" is unbearably hot in summer and below zero in winter. There never seems to be any need to work out there except when the weather is extreme. Happy frying, Charlie.

George Jacobs, who took over Sampson's job as foreman of the paint shop and central stores, has left for work at the Hanson Enameling Company. Earl Hammond, Jr. is taking over for the time.

Charles Raby is ill and has been kept from work since vacation. The night crew is working in the paint shop.

Marie Lane who is half as high as the bench is finding the equipment quite hard to lift.

Fulton Eldridge is having his vacation. We wonder if he will visit his old home in beautiful Maine.

President "Red" reported that his wife will be starting for home August 3rd. She has been in California with her son since the last of June. The dog has guarded "Red" very well and we all know that dogs carry tales.

The election of officers was not very exciting since there was no competition except for Executive at large between Bill Ward and Astorre Scagliarini. Our officers are: President John Riddell, Vice President William L. Estes, Jr., Treasurer Louis Zachille, Financial Secretary Valada Donati, Recording Secretary Mary Turner, and Business Manager Earl Hammond, Sr., Executive at large Astorre Scagliarini.

It has never been necessary to urge the officers to attend the meetings, but we hope the members will show more interest in our local. A union depends on teamwork and driving efficiently is not easy when part of the harness is missing.

We wonder if the excitement of becoming a great-grandmother caused Ida Ferris to bump the rear fender of her car.

We are all happy that an Armistice has silenced the guns in Korea before an atomic bomb was used. But what



a price in precious lives—those months of negotiating. War seems to bring along an industrial boom, but as the "Country mouse said to the city mouse," in the old story, "better a crust in peace than fine food in strife." Shall we ever learn?

A quotation by Samuel Johnson reads: "Better to suffer for another's wrong than to cause another to suffer, and better to be cheated than to never trust."

And every day is a new beginning, so up and attem!

VERDA M. LANE.

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## Conversion Program At Hydro Electric

L. U. 1603, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Just a few short comments on the conversion programme as it is at present being conducted under the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ont.

Approximately 900 conversion mechanics make up Local Union 1603, and a more diversified group of people would be hard to find. We have oil-burner mechanics, refrigeration mechanics, telephone service men, millwrights, maintenance men, appliance service men and just plain Joes, all gathered together and coming under the description of domestic conversion mechanics or industrial conversion mechanics, with a survey and planning crew thrown in.

After four years of effort this organization is now showing the Province how a real good bunch of mechanics can operate if treated fairly and given the opportunity to air their grievances.

Efficiency and performance of work are at a high level and while wages are not where we would all like them (for that matter whose are) they are not the lowest in the Province and compare favorably with rates throughout the Province.

Our recent elections stirred interest to a high peak and the results were to say the least, gratifying. Our president and business manager, Percy Schlotzhauer, retained his crown but the other officers were shuffled around and our make-up is now: President and Business Manager Percy Schlotzhauer, Financial Secretary Bill Todd, Recording Secretary B. Edwards, Treasurer S. Pyle. Executive Board: A. Burgess, J. Williams, W. Legare, W. McTavish.

With the above group working together, I have no doubt that brighter things are in store for us in the days to come.

Remember Brothers, the only way to support your union is by attending the meetings and airing grievances where they can be discussed fairly. See you all in the near future. Happy vacations to all.

J. WILLIAMS, P. S.

## Los Angeles Has Class for Stewards



Posing questions to a carefully selected pilot class of Local 1710 Stewards, Vern Berrigan, Assistant Business Manager, elicits enthusiastic response. On stage and out of camera range are Harry Fesperman, Business Manager of the Local; Arthur Carstens and Doctor Verne Kallejian of the University of California; and George O'Brien, Business Manager of Local 11, all making written critiques on forms prepared by the University, which will conduct a stewards' training program beginning in September. Stewards pictured, from left to right, back row: Lauden A. Connell, Mullenbach; Harry L. Lee, Mullenbach; Frank Navarro, Zinsco; Jay W. Bemis, C. W. Cole; G. E. Hamilton, Mullenbach (with raised hand); Ignacio Gonzales, Gibbons (in shadow near window); next row: Elizabeth Steinberg, Ruby; Rebecca Klein, Nu-Lite; June Brommage, Hoffman Pasadena plant; Margaret Kelley, Betterlite; Ruby Earlywine, Solar Mfg.; next row: John Drexel, Feldman (hat in hand); Edward M. Keating, Globe; Raymond S. Wasserman, Hoffman Plant 2 (hand raised); Leona B. Martin, Hoffman plant 1; front row: Marion Warner, Allied Eugene Hite, Sunbeam; George R. Mosler, Hoffman Television plant; and Ralph E. Myers, Light Control.



Developing plans for Local 1710's advanced steward training program, Harry Fesperman, Business Manager of the Local (standing), listens as Arthur Carstens, director of Union training programs for the University of California (seated left), and Doctor Verne Kallejian, the University's chief of instructors in this field (right); discuss Local 11's experience with George O'Brien (center), Business Manager of Local 11.

## New Slate Chosen At Owensboro, Ky.

L. U. 1701, OWENSBORO, KY.—Things have been doing fine in Owensboro; work is still good and the weather warm.

Our election was held on June 27, 1953. We came up with the following officers: President William F. Vertrees; Vice-President Parvin Carroll; Business Manager and Financial Secretary Robert Risley; Recording Sec-

retary Robert Clark, Jr.; Treasurer Robert Renfrow. Executive Board: Earl Thurman, Herbert Sorg, James VanWinkle, Alonzo Westmoreland, Courtland Robertson, James W. McCarthy, and Parvin Carroll.

Brother Vernon Baird has great hopes of being home soon and we wish to thank him for his letter. We are looking forward to seeing him around again.

We had a visit from International Representative Brother Charles Goi-



## New Contract for New Local



Newly chartered Local 1846, Hackensack, N. J., signs its contract with Chambers Manufacturing Co. of Paterson, N. J. Seated are: Beatrice Sylvia, shop committee, and Mr. Irving Kivowitz, employer. Standing, left to right, are: Henry R. Malamy, Local President; Leonore Mitchell, shop committee; Alfred Terry, International representative; Peter Kanika, Local Representative; Felix Laugamano and Milton Kane, company representatives.

dell, who gave us a very inspiring talk on Labor's League for Political Education, a very worthy and necessary cause.

Brothers did you read the article "About Overtime" in the June issue? If not, read it now and take heed. I wish to say to Brother J. Scott Milne, this was a wonderful editorial and I hope all our Brothers think it over.

ROBERT CLARK, JR., P. S.

## Problems Mount For L. A. Local 1710

L. U. 1710, LOS ANGELES—Things are happening so fast and furiously around Local 1710 these days that we can't make up our minds which ones to devote space to.

We worked up some stories but have been sidetracked by urgent matters requiring immediate attention. So

now we're going to be forced to again ask for the cooperation of the wiremen through the columns of the JOURNAL.

Roughly, here is where we find ourselves: Seven fixture shops with several hundred members on the bricks, an impasse in what looks like two toughies in the organizing program, an out-of-town non-union outfit about to sue us because their business isn't prospering, a charge several pages long against us by the U.E., and what may develop into a concerted attack by the old Open Shoppers. This, of course, piled on top of the usual routine of administering a local of some 5,000 members and about 100 shops in a 60-mile area. Those of you who are familiar with Southern California will realize that from Santa Monica to Pomona or from San Fernando Valley to the harbor area is slightly more than "two whoops and a holler."

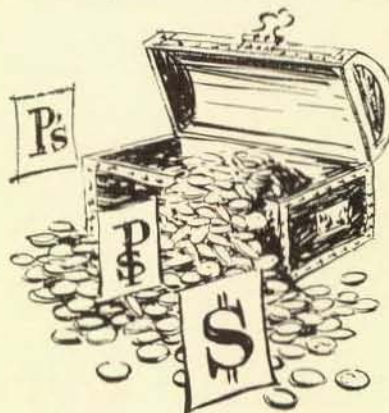
The strike in the lighting fixture industry started the day after our annual picnic, which was Sunday, July 26. (We had a wonderful outing, with more than 3,000 attending.) All shops in the group are shut down tight and the strike is progressing in an orderly fashion. We don't plan to put out any publicity as to the names of the shops involved, as they are all employers with whom we have had excellent relations for many years. In a way, you might say that we are just having a little family



OUR dollar sign which we usually think of as some form of U.S. with the letters intertwined, really does not derive from these letters at all. In early America, an abbreviation used for Spanish or Mexican pesos or piastres (piece of eight or dollars) was "P's." The accepted theory, based upon a study of documents used in colonial times, is that the "S" gradually came to be written over the "P," developing eventually into the \$ mark as we know it today. The Spanish dollar was widely used in the United States before the adoption of our dollar

in 1785, and was, in fact, legal tender up until 1857.

The origin of *Uncle Sam* for the



United States has never been definitely traced. The most commonly accepted story, however, is that the term originated after the Revolution from Uncle Sam Wilson, a United States meat inspector at Troy, N. Y. Over a period of time the letters U.S. stamped on United States goods handled by Uncle Sam Wilson and the initials U.S. for Uncle Sam, himself probably became interchangeable in that area, and finally the name *Uncle Sam* for the United States spread in popular affections throughout the nation.

*Yankee* is both British and Dutch in its origins. In 1712, a series of political pamphlets by John Arbuthnot named the Dutchman, *Nicholas Frog*, the Frenchman, *Lewis Baboon*, and the Englishman, *John Bull*. This latter term became the personification of England. When the Dutch referred to the British it was as Jan (John) or, in the diminutive, *Janke*. In the new world this name became *Yankee* and all English colonists were to the Dutch, *yankees*.



spat. When it's all over our people will be back at their old jobs and everything will be hunky-dory, we hope. It's just a matter of a 10 cent request and a 5 cent offer.

However, a little item comes in here that may or may not be a part of a larger picture and we would like to hear from some of the other manufacturing locals throughout the country on the subject, which is: What about these "Labor Relations Consultants," or maybe in your area they are called "Industrial Relations Experts," or "Management Consultants," or "Public Relations Associates," or some such handle.

In the past, we have had fair success in dealing with them. They usually represent a group of small shops in one industry. In some cases they have given a real service to the groups they represent, but since the last general election most of these birds seem to have lost their bearings, and we have served notice that if they are to continue to deal with us they might just as well straighten up and fly right. When reason fails to sway these "experts" it's remarkable how quickly a picket line changes their theories on economics.

A case to watch: For the last couple of years, we have been "going along" with a small outfit called Shalda Manufacturing company, makers of floodlights. Shalda said to us, "Give me a chance to get my feet on the ground. I am just starting out and can't afford to pay the scale." As we have done in a number of cases, we "went along" until he got going. Now, moving into a nice new plant of his own instead of a rented "hole in the wall," his answer to us was to hire himself one of these sharp boys in the industrial relations field. It develops that the consultant seems to be one who has been anointed to carry the torch for the old open shop. You know, rugged individualism versus insipid collectivism. Some day, some time, somehow, somewhere, some guy might come along and apply for a job but doesn't want to join a union. Therefore a union shop would be denying some Joe Doakes the right to work—cheap.

Wonder when the anointed one will wake up to the fact that you sing it to the tune of "Gone are the Days." Anyway, by the time you read this you can be assured that Shalda floodlights will bear the I.B.E.W. label and be made in a union shop or they will be made behind a picket line.

So if you wiremen will be especially on the alert for the I.B.E.W. label on all floodlights it will certainly be appreciated by Local 1710.

To help the label program along, we have developed a little brochure titled "How to Fight Communism," and on the back is a replica of the I.B.E.W. label. It fits nicely in your

## Death Claims for July, 1953

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
1. O. (3)	M. Klein	1,000.00	125	H. D. Hinderson	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	G. Kalsdoven	1,000.00	126	T. F. Whalen	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	H. Munro	1,000.00	126	C. L. Mumford	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	H. F. Stallijohann	1,000.00	130	F. J. Ziegler, Jr.	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	D. McLaughlin	1,000.00	131	E. A. McEvay	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	W. F. Ahrens	1,000.00	134	T. H. Berkland	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	J. W. England	1,000.00	134	E. W. Vlesak	1,000.00
1. O. (9)	H. Slater	1,000.00	134	W. O. Morgan	1,000.00
1. O. (9)	C. E. McFormick	1,000.00	134	E. J. O'Connor	1,000.00
1. O. (11)	A. A. Bernhardt	1,000.00	134	E. Lindblom	1,000.00
1. O. (18)	S. M. Neff	1,000.00	134	D. J. Miller	1,000.00
1. O. (18)	A. E. Beltrahara	1,000.00	136	A. J. Harper	1,000.00
1. O. (28)	W. F. Main	1,000.00	136	F. F. Smith	1,000.00
1. O. (46)	K. H. Haugen	1,000.00	195	G. E. Sommerfeld	1,000.00
1. O. (46)	G. R. Ruel	1,000.00	196	H. C. Bessert	1,000.00
1. O. (46)	O. M. Carter	1,000.00	210	L. W. Brown	1,000.00
1. O. (53)	H. E. Summers	300.00	237	J. Quimby	1,000.00
1. O. (62)	W. M. Jeffreys	1,000.00	292	A. D. Reid	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	F. M. Bird	1,000.00	292	O. H. Malby	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	W. J. Maxwell	1,000.00	297	R. Valentine	300.00
1. O. (87)	W. Bonham	1,000.00	309	J. Nickols	1,000.00
1. O. (98)	H. Wagner	1,000.00	309	A. L. Minor	1,000.00
1. O. (117)	J. Catalano	1,000.00	323	J. McGinnis	1,000.00
1. O. (125)	F. W. Johnson	1,000.00	333	E. H. Bennett	1,000.00
1. O. (125)	R. G. Ward	1,000.00	342	D. A. Williams	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	E. H. Jones	1,000.00	349	W. L. Lavigne	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	F. J. Coen	1,000.00	349	R. W. Scott	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	F. M. Fitzgerald	1,000.00	352	R. G. Rutan	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	J. Carsello	1,000.00	353	W. Cleveland	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	T. Dooley	1,000.00	371	H. Noble	300.00
1. O. (134)	W. E. Burke	1,000.00	382	E. D. Perry	1,000.00
1. O. (153)	C. A. Tyler	1,000.00	395	W. J. Kostelcky	1,000.00
1. O. (188)	J. W. Abney	1,000.00	401	G. B. Gladwell	300.00
1. O. (212)	H. Baade	1,000.00	405	W. B. Hassler	1,000.00
1. O. (225)	C. A. Maus	1,000.00	429	L. W. Hopkins	1,000.00
1. O. (256)	J. J. Suedan	1,000.00	436	A. Thomas	150.00
1. O. (288)	C. W. Hirschbeck	1,000.00	436	E. E. Fontaine	1,000.00
1. O. (309)	H. C. Schniepp	1,000.00	441	C. B. Powley	1,000.00
1. O. (332)	A. B. Chapman	1,000.00	449	O. J. Morris	137.50
1. O. (413)	C. W. Luse	1,000.00	450	W. H. Godwood	1,000.00
1. O. (457)	W. P. Freeman	1,000.00	465	D. G. MacLennan	1,000.00
1. O. (644)	G. F. Winterhalter	1,000.00	478	B. Harmon, Jr.	650.00
1. O. (674)	W. B. Merry	1,000.00	494	E. Harnack	1,000.00
1. O. (757)	R. Krause	1,000.00	500	E. E. Eberhardt	150.00
1. O. (843)	C. A. Boll	1,000.00	501	C. J. Guss	1,000.00
1. O. (870)	C. C. Rieker	857.15	527	H. J. Peterson	1,000.00
1. O. (889)	E. S. Christ	1,000.00	565	A. A. Bailey	1,000.00
1. O. (1035)	H. Beatty	1,000.00	568	M. Laembe	1,000.00
1. O. (1360)	A. Clark	1,000.00	569	M. E. Kimbrough	1,000.00
1. O. (1233)	R. L. Buckley	1,000.00	573	R. G. Wilson	1,000.00
1. O. (1253)	G. S. Hazleton	1,000.00	595	J. P. O'Connor	1,000.00
2	H. F. Gray	1,000.00	606	C. Coleman	1,000.00
3	S. Okun	1,000.00	606	R. V. Smith	1,000.00
3	J. Eckaus	1,000.00	611	A. H. Pankey	1,000.00
3	N. Hecht	1,000.00	611	R. E. Williams	1,000.00
3	W. Maxwell	1,000.00	618	R. L. Bourdeau	1,000.00
3	H. R. Caldwell	1,000.00	634	C. H. Davis	300.00
3	F. Reilly	1,000.00	637	W. E. Johnson, Jr.	475.00
3	T. T. Mercer	1,000.00	659	A. G. Montgomery	1,000.00
3	J. J. Tierney	1,000.00	669	J. J. Viabile	1,000.00
3	M. Oulit	1,000.00	677	J. J. Tobin	1,000.00
3	G. Veisner	1,000.00	685	W. J. Harvey	1,000.00
3	K. Homburg	1,000.00	702	N. G. Eubanks	1,000.00
3	F. O. Voigtlander	1,000.00	734	L. D. Spencer	475.00
5	J. F. Swager	1,000.00	750	K. D. Hames	1,000.00
9	J. A. Toman	1,000.00	774	L. A. Wallace	1,000.00
10	H. F. Hetrich	1,000.00	794	E. E. Zydorek	1,000.00
11	F. H. Digman	1,000.00	800	F. O. Harvey	1,000.00
17	H. R. Tripp	1,000.00	836	L. H. Cowles	1,000.00
31	J. A. Hagman	1,000.00	846	D. S. Ellis	1,000.00
31	J. J. Stangel	1,000.00	847	J. C. Brown	1,000.00
31	R. Rasmussen	1,000.00	852	J. R. Sandlin	1,000.00
38	R. G. Heston	1,000.00	859	A. V. Tirio	1,000.00
39	J. A. Groves	1,000.00	861	E. Traupe	1,000.00
41	F. W. Haid	1,000.00	879	S. Wagner	1,000.00
47	O. C. Mitchell	1,000.00	981	A. W. Kuhnash	475.00
48	A. E. Williams	1,000.00	1002	T. Wright	1,000.00
51	S. Bailey	1,000.00	1009	J. A. Toibny	1,000.00
51	R. E. Brown	300.00	1188	R. Guerrero	1,000.00
73	G. N. Chamberlin	1,000.00	1211	T. D. Gill	1,000.00
76	H. C. Bunnell	1,000.00	1245	R. G. Sears	650.00
77	F. F. Hertel	1,000.00	1247	D. G. Loedler	1,000.00
77	S. E. Reed	1,000.00	1249	D. McCallum	1,000.00
77	V. G. Wells	1,000.00	1324	R. E. Shorey	1,000.00
84	L. H. Hendrix	1,000.00	1393	E. T. Taylor	1,000.00
84	C. J. Fowler	1,000.00	1426	E. S. Murphy	300.00
95	C. H. Cook	1,000.00	1428	R. M. Dahl	300.00
99	G. E. Nelson	1,000.00	1459	R. M. Hoffman	475.00
100	C. D. Hard	1,000.00	1501	B. D. Ritchie	1,000.00
104	T. L. Hewitt	300.00	1520	L. P. Lynott	650.00
110	J. F. Roach	1,000.00	1579	D. A. Morgan	1,000.00
124	W. F. Cudney	650.00	1603	D. Nicolson	475.00
125	C. E. Seidel	1,000.00	1650	J. S. Wilson	650.00
125	C. O. Jaehne	650.00			
125	W. B. Wallace	1,000.00			
TOTAL					\$174,209.65

wallet so you can have an I.B.E.W. label handy to compare with the many other labels you find on the material you install. It's free for the asking. Just drop us a line. And in case anybody asks you "What's the connection between fighting communism and the

union label?" just remind them that if all working men and women enjoyed the living standards signified by the I.B.E.W. label, there never would have been such a thing as communism.

BRICE WORLEY, P. S.



# IN MEMORIAM

## Prayer for Our Deceased Brothers

Our Father who are in heaven, once again we come to Thee in our sorrow and ask Thy mercy for our Brothers and Sisters whose names are listed here. The list is long, Lord, and we are sad, that these who walked among us and worked with us are gone from us forever. Bless them, Father, and take them home with Thee, so that the pain and sorrow they knew on this earth shall pass from them like a fleeting cloud and they shall know only peace and joy and comfort for all eternity.

But there are those who are left, Father, their families and friends, who are heartbroken in the loss they have suffered. Stretch out Thy hand O Lord, and let it rest upon them, and send them comfort and peace and strength.

These things do we ask of Thee, kind Father—and one more. Help us, their fellow workers. Help us every-day to work and to pray, so that we may live good, decent, useful lives, in order that one day when Thou shall also call us home, we shall be ready, and shall go with smiles on our faces and peace in our hearts, for a grand reunion with all the friends who have gone before us. Amen.

Harry Barron, L. U. No. 6

Born January 16, 1883  
Initiated October 11, 1944  
Died June, 1953

Gus A. Lovett, L. U. No. 6

Born March 11, 1880  
Initiated May 12, 1906  
Died May 9, 1953

Lewis A. May, L. U. No. 6

Born May 2, 1893  
Initiated March 29, 1943  
Died April 28, 1953

Nick J. Siggins, L. U. No. 6

Born April 2, 1894  
Reinitiated October 3, 1925  
Died April 15, 1953

Robert Leroy McAdoo, L. U. No. 17

Born October 12, 1927  
Initiated March 17, 1947  
Died June, 1953

Howard R. Tripp, L. U. No. 17

Born December 15, 1892  
Initiated December 21, 1923  
Died June, 1953

William F. Main, L. U. No. 28

Born January 3, 1886  
Reinitiated August 27, 1929 in L. U.  
No. 27  
Died July 15, 1953

John A. Hagman, L. U. No. 31

Born November 14, 1902  
Initiated March 13, 1934  
Died June 19, 1953

Jay Rasmusen, L. U. No. 31

Born August 1, 1891  
Initiated October 1, 1942  
Died June 29, 1953

John J. Stangl, L. U. No. 31

Born December 29, 1893  
Initiated September 26, 1933  
Died June 19, 1953

Fred Hahl, L. U. No. 41

Born September 12, 1884  
Initiated June 23, 1914  
Died June 26, 1953

William M. Jeffreys, L. U. No. 62

Born May 18, 1862  
Initiated March 5, 1901  
Died May 29, 1953

James Stith, L. U. No. 98

Born January 20, 1884  
Initiated March 27, 1915  
Died July 25, 1953

Harry Wagner, L. U. No. 98

Born November 1, 1878  
Initiated November 1, 1913  
Died July 17, 1953

Gustof E. Nelson, L. U. No. 99

Born April 25, 1898  
Reinitiated February 23, 1948  
Died July 12, 1953

Edward C. Hanson, L. U. No. 160

Born June 27, 1933  
Initiated June 19, 1952  
Died June 10, 1953

William F. Hess, L. U. No. 271

Born August 13, 1891  
Reinitiated February 4, 1935  
Died July 18, 1953

Arthur Minor, Sr., L. U. No. 309

Born August 12, 1884  
Initiated June 15, 1920 in L. U.  
No. 1  
Died June 20, 1953

Francis J. McGinnis, L. U. No. 323

Born October 21, 1891  
Initiated March 7, 1924  
Died July 1, 1953

Elden H. Bennett, L. U. No. 333

Born May 18, 1896  
Initiated January 5, 1945  
Died July 3, 1953

Walter LaVigne, L. U. No. 349

Born April 28, 1899  
Initiated May 10, 1929  
Died June 19, 1953

Raymond Scott, L. U. No. 349

Born April 27, 1906  
Reinitiated July 2, 1945 in L. U.  
No. 613  
Died June 28, 1953

John P. Lawless, L. U. No. 369

Born February 3, 1908  
Initiated March 10, 1944  
Died July 21, 1953

Tom V. Boykin, L. U. No. 428

Born June 6, 1904  
Initiated June 8, 1950  
Died June 23, 1953

Samuel Moe, L. U. No. 428

Born November 3, 1884  
Initiated August 16, 1945  
Died June 3, 1953

John DeLisle, L. U. No. 469

Born March 3, 1917  
Initiated August 7, 1947  
Died June 13, 1953

J. E. Mills, L. U. No. 589

Born May 19, 1908  
Initiated October 26, 1952  
Died June, 1953

Howard M. Reid, L. U. No. 589

Born September 5, 1914  
Initiated November 14, 1939  
Died June, 1953

E. R. Piersall, L. U. No. 637

Born September 13, 1914  
Initiated May 1, 1942  
Died May 21, 1953

Claude R. Luce, L. U. No. 646

Born October 29, 1886  
Reinitiated November 21, 1945  
Died June, 1953

John J. Tobin, L. U. No. 677

Born July 30, 1905  
Initiated April 14, 1941  
Died June 27, 1953

N. G. Eubanks, L. U. No. 702

Born August 23, 1894  
Initiated April 27, 1918  
Died June 10, 1953

Amanda Burnaugh, L. U. No. 713

Born December 16, 1905  
Initiated August 14, 1952  
Died July, 1953

George Dusenbery, L. U. No. 713

Initiated August 26, 1946  
Died July, 1953

John T. Ogorzalek, L. U. No. 853

Born May 20, 1902  
Initiated November 4, 1943  
Died May 30, 1953

Arthur McLang, L. U. No. 880

Born January 31, 1900  
Initiated March 1, 1943  
Died June, 1953

Glenn E. Davis, L. U. No. 1245

Born August 30, 1896  
Initiated May 1, 1943  
Died June, 1953

David V. DuFrene, L. U. No. 1245

Born January 3, 1915  
Initiated June 1, 1952  
Died July, 1953

R. D. Paugh, L. U. No. 1245

Born September 13, 1910  
Reinitiated March 1, 1946  
Died June, 1953

Bueford B. Ray, L. U. No. 1245

Born June 20, 1919  
Initiated July 1, 1952  
Died June, 1953

Anthony Mootz, L. U. No. 1387

Reinitiated August 7, 1950  
Died July 21, 1953

Reynold M. Dahl, L. U. No. 1426

Born February 24, 1915  
Initiated July 30, 1948  
Died June 24, 1953

Ernest Murphy, L. U. No. 1426

Born December 3, 1923  
Initiated October 31, 1950  
Died June 12, 1953

Thomas Pasquale, L. U. No. 1470

Born August 17, 1896  
Initiated January 1, 1951  
Died June 30, 1953

John C. Spence, L. U. No. 1470

Born September 7, 1919  
Initiated December 17, 1948  
Died August 3, 1953



## THE BUSINESS MANAGER

A business manager's hours are many  
and long—  
He works both at night and into the  
dawn  
He is appreciated by a few, abused by  
a lot  
And is accused of things whether he is  
guilty or not.

The membership questions why he does  
this and that  
And is told by some, he is crazy as a bat.  
He negotiates contracts, wage rates and  
such  
And if he doesn't get an increase, he is  
just a "Lush."

The "E" Board cuts at him on every  
twist and turn  
And the many ugly things said would  
make any man burn;  
But he takes it all and wonders why one  
can be so small  
And just keeps on working, so the wage  
structure won't fall.

If the membership worked as many hours  
as he  
And received double time, they would  
howl with much glee,  
But the long hours worked, gets him no  
extra pay  
And he is at work after the members are  
in the hay.

He is elected for a period of two years  
or more  
And about the time he becomes valuable,  
they throw him out the door.  
They never give him credit for work  
which he has done  
And a kind word or thanks, he never  
gets one.

So my Brothers of the union and the  
ones that carry a card  
Try to appreciate his efforts and don't  
be so hard  
On the guy who is the B.M. and trying  
to help your lot  
So you and yours can have plenty to eat  
in the pot.

After all he is just human and a member  
the same as you—  
Just trying to improve your living and  
your family's too!

J. C. WHITE, Asst. B. M.,  
L. U. 558.

## WARNING

Two piano movers knocked on the door.  
A meek-looking fellow opened it.  
"Did you order a piano from the Flat-  
note Music Shop?" asked the first piano  
mover.

The tenant shook his head.  
"Not a piano," he corrected. "I or-  
dered a flute."

The piano mover studied a slip of  
paper.

"According to this," he grumbled, "you  
ordered a piano!"

The meek little man studied the husky  
piano movers.

"Very well," he said nervously. "Move  
it in. But if your firm makes any more  
mistakes like this, I'll have to deal some-  
where else."

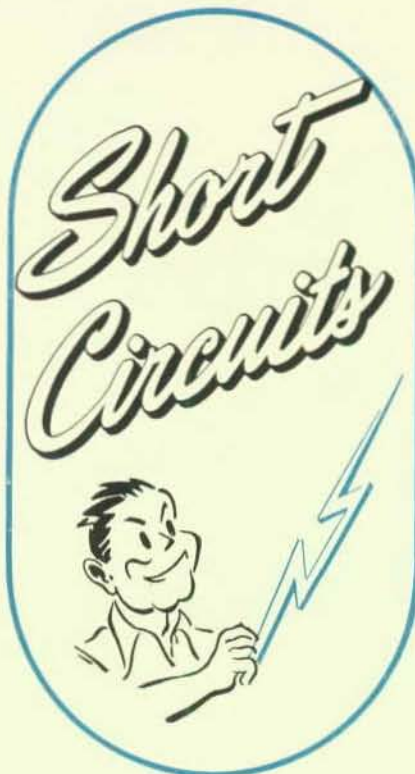
## IT FIGURES

Salesman—Sonny, is your mother at  
home?

Small boy—Yes, sir.

Salesman (after knocking in vain)—I  
thought you said she was at home?

Small boy—Yes, sir, but I don't live  
here.



## WAYSIDE SHRINES

*"My offerings are not for the temple at  
the end of the road but for the wayside  
shrines that surprise me at every bend."*

TAGORE.

An ambling road with an arch of leaves;  
The plaintiff call of crows;  
An azure sky that's cloud bedecked—  
The fragrance of a rose

The sheltering peace of a clump of trees;  
The trill of a bird on the wing;  
The redolence of clover fields—  
The lush of a meadow in Spring.

The loneliness of a windswept pine;  
The song of a rushing brook.  
The soothing notes of a shallow stream  
Flowing past a shady nook.

The snowcapped peaks of a mountain  
range;

The gold of the sunset's rays;  
The lambent flame of the northern  
lights—

The calm of an Autumn haze.

The sinuous sweep of an ocean wave;  
The spell of the crescent moon;  
The lustrous path of a falling star—  
The curve of a sandy dune.

Each shrine is a vision—each vision a  
prayer,

Blessed with God-given grace to allay  
Our heartaches and sorrows—our yearn-  
ings and fears

And to drive all our troubles away!

BILL NIGHT, P. S.,  
L. U. 43.

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## PROOF

Never believing that people at cocktail  
parties paid any attention to what others  
said, a famous editor greeted his hostess  
by announcing, "I'm sorry I'm late, but it  
took me longer to strangle my aunt than  
I planned." "Yes, indeed," beamed the  
hostess, "I'm so glad you could come."

## YOUR MINISTRY

So many lovely words have not been  
spoken,  
And countless cheerful songs are yet to  
sing,

Why should I put to waste the golden  
hours,

On any vain or selfish worldly thing?

If I should spend my life to build a tower,  
Of cold, grey stone among the mists  
above,

And never walk among my fellow crea-  
tures,

I'd never know the wonder of their love.

Let cold ambition shrug and cynics scorn,  
To hide the fears which make them blind-  
ly grope,

I'll walk a placid path and be content,  
If I can give some soul the faith to hope.

D. A. HOOVER,  
L. U. 1306.

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## JUST A LITTLE

A coffee salesman was travelling  
through the South, and as he waited for  
a train in a little town he chatted with  
a lazy looking man idling on a bench at  
the station.

"Ever drink coffee?" he inquired with  
an eye to stirring up interest in his line.

The man allowed he drank a lot of  
coffee. "Fifty cups a day," he answered.

"Fifty cups a day! Doesn't it keep  
you awake?" inquired the astonished  
coffee salesman.

"Well, it helps," answered the man.

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## THE EASIEST WAY

Parson: "So you think you would have  
run through all your money had it not  
been for your wife?"

Villager: "I'm sure of it."

Parson: "And, my good man how did  
she stop your spending it all?"

Villager: "She spent it first!"

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## TACT

Passenger in bus: "Is smoking per-  
mitted, conductor?"

Conductor: "No."

Passenger: "Well, where did all these  
cigarette ends come from?"

Conductor: "From people who didn't  
ask questions!"

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## CAN'T BE FIXED

"Good morning, ma'am. I'm from the  
gas company. I understand there's some-  
thing in the house that won't work."

"Yes, he's upstairs."

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## HONORED

"In Massachusetts they named a town  
after my foreman."

"What is it?"

"Marblehead."

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## TRUE TO FORM

Hard-boiled drill sergeant to married  
recruit: "Button yer coat!"

Recruit (absently): "Yes, dear."

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## OH, BROTHER!

"Can you stand on your head?"

"Nope, it's too high."



Test 'em!



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**If faulty...  
replace them  
before they  
replace you.**